Victoria Daily Times.

VOL. 22. VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27. 1895. No. 102

Letter Orders

Orders by mail receive our prompt attention. Our stock is large and we are able to supply you with almost anything in Jewelry, Silverware, Watches, Clocks, Spectacles, etc. Estimates given for Jewels, Medals or any special designs.

CHALLONER & MITCHELL, Jewelers, 47 Gov't St.

Manufacturers, Wholesale and Retail. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

After Christmas What?

A DULL SEASON? NOT A BIT OF IT!

Of course there isn't so much loose money floating around after Christmas as there was before, but people want necessary Goods just as usual; especially such things as WATERPROOFS, UMBRELLAS, Etc. Now we are right in it with

....Umbrellas....

Having bought when in London part of a manufacturer's Stock, which was being closed out by the assignee at SIXTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. We offer:

3 doz.	Men's Strong Gingham at	$ .40	Each
2 "	Dagmar, national bends, at	.90	"
1 "	Levantine, Reliable,	11.5	"
1 "	Regina, natural knobs,	1.75	"
1 "	Satin de Chenes, choice,	225	"
1 "	Spitalfields Twill, Paragon,	275	"
1 "	Perfectum, pure dye,	3.25	"

And a splendid line of Sterling Silver Mounted, Ivory and Buckhorn Handled Twill Silk Umbrellas; some self-opening, and most desirable for New Year's Gifts.

Ladies' Umbrellas

12¾ dozen at from ..... 90c. to $15 Each

In these are included—Dagmarette Gloria, Regina, Satin de Chene, Silk Cote, Etc. Handles include—Oak and Vulcanite Loops, Agate Tops, Silver and Gold Mounts, Etc., Etc. and every one of the above will be sold as they were bought—FORTY PER CENT UNDER REGULAR PRICE, and if possible, we want them cleared off before NEW YEAR.

THE WESTSIDE, J. Hutcheson & Co.

Cheapside

THIS YEAR WILL BE AS ATTRACTIVE AS EVER.

SPECIAL LINE:

Tools for Boys.
Dolls for Girls.
Fancy China Cups and Saucers and Mugs.
Glass Water Sets in Great Variety.
Hanging and Hall Lamps—Cheap.
Carving Sets, etc., etc.
Prices down to date.

GEO. POWELL & CO., CHEAPSIDE, 127 GOVERNMENT ST.

Wishing You a Merrry Christmas

And a Prosperous New Year

We thank our patrons for past favors, and, as ever, will make friends of our customers and customers of our friends.

We have every requisite for your Christmas table: Surprise Bon-Bons—a big stock at your own prices. Fourteen different varieties of cheese, No. 1 Bloater mackerel, the best the Atlantic produces.

Clarets, White Wines, Scotch, Irish, Canadian, and American Whiskies, Ale and Porter, and that Port and Sherry at 40 cents.

DIXI H. ROSS & CO.

Expected the Crowd

And got them—made up a nice lot of Clothes from our stock and have another consignment of Fine Serges just in.

You Can Get : : : :

Your Suit before Christmas if you order now. Wouldn't shave profits so close, but we must have money. No one can touch our prices.

J. W. CREIGHTON, Merchant Tailor, 86 Government Street.

A Few Of Them Left.

Those Elegant Cut Glass Bottles of Perfume, so suitable for Holiday Gifts.

John Cochrane, Druggist.

N.-W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A DECENT, HONEST SCOTCHMAN wants employment of any kind. Address "Scotchman," Times office. dec27-2t

WANTED—Strong lad for horse-shoeing shop; improver that has been at trade, preferred. Good shop and constant work. Apply by letter, stating age, experience, and wages expected, to "Smithy," Times office. dec27-4t

TO EXCHANGE—I small cottage and lot (balance cash), for larger cottage and two lots within two miles of postoffice.

SHINGLES FOR SALE—In quantities to suit purchaser; $1.10 per thousand, delivered at Inner harbor. Apply Munn, Holland & Co., 26 1-2 Broad street.

SHINGLES FOR SALE.—In quantities to suit purchaser; $1.15 per thousand. Apply Munn, Holland & Co., 26 1-2 Broad street.

SEE OUR 15c WALL PAPERs. Mellor, Fort street, above Douglas.

ELEPHANT MIXED PAINTS, $1.50 per imperial gallon. Mellor, Fort street, above Douglas.

USE MELLOR'S Bath Enamel, 40 & 65c. J. W. Mellor, Fort Street.

Public Meeting!

MR. WM. TEMPLEMAN,

AND OTHERS,

..Will address the Electors at..

JOHNS BROS.' HALL,

Cor. King's Road and Douglas st.

THIS EVENING

Beginning at 8 o'clock, on the issues of the present campaign.

Col. Proir, the government candidate, is invited, and will be accorded as much time as the Opposition candidate. This applies to all public meetings held by the Opposition.

The

Province.

Out To-Morrow, will contain a

Cartoon

On the political situation.

GET A COPY.

At all Newsdealers and at the Province Office.

The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Having been called on by a delegation of business men, together with the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers asking me to become a candidate for mayor at the forthcoming election, I willingly comply with their wishes, and, if elected to that honorable position, will to the best of my ability pay strict attention to the duties of the office.

Trusting to you, ladies and gentlemen, for your vote and influence,

I am, yours most respectfully.

A. J. McLELLAN.

To the Electors of Victoria:

WE SLEEP . . .

But will promptly answer all night calls. Our service available every hour during the year, Sunday's included.

DEAN & HISCOCKS,

Chemists and Druggists, Corner of Yates and Broad streets.

Electoral District No. 1.

Members of the committee are requested to meet at the committee room, King's road, at 7:30 this evening.

D. CARTMEL,
Chairman.

26th December, 1895.

VICTORIA ARRIVES.

The Northern Pacific Liner Makes a Fast Trip Across the Pacific Ocean.

Japan Apoligizes to Great Britain fer the Thales Outrage.

Japanese Villiage Destroyed by an Earthquake—Late Oriental News.

The Northern Pacific railway steamship Victoria arrived this morning, having made the trip from Yokohama in thirteen days and thirteen hours. She encountered a good deal of rough weather, but the winds were favorable and brought her across in much faster time than is usually made by the Northern Pacific liners. Nothing was seen of the Canadian-Australian liner Miowera, which disappeared so suddenly after losing the Strathnevis. Here is the purser's account of the Victoria's trip: Left Hongkong 4th December, 7 a.m.; Woosung 8th December, 3 a.m.; Kobe 12th December, 6 a.m., and arrived at Yokohama on the 13th December, at 9 a.m.; moderate winds and fine clear weather was experienced on the China coast. Left Yokohama 14th December at 1 p.m.; stormy westerly gales prevailed throughout the passage. The meridian was crossed on the 20th. Passed Cape Carmanah at 2 p.m. on the 27th, and arrived at Victoria, B.C., at 11 a.m. Time of passage, 13 days and 13 hours.

The cabin passengers were: Col. Bernoff, of the Russian army, who has been stationed at Vladivostock, and who is on his way to St. Petersburg; Mr. A. Lyaby, of the Danish navy, who is also on his way home from Vladivostock; Mr. Yukimo, a Tacoma merchant who has been visiting Japan with his wife; Miss Smith and Mr. P. F. Emerson. The latter was formerly a resident of Vancouver. He has been travelling through China and Japan looking for a business opening. He is glad to get back to British Columbia. Business in the Orient, he says, is very dull and the climate in China is almost intolerable.

The Victoria also had two European passengers in the steerage, 35 Chinese and 27 Japanese. She has a full cargo of general merchandise. It took most of the day to discharge the Victoria's freight.

A telegram from the governor of Chiba prefecture reports that on the 9th instant Asaigun in Chiba prefecture was visited by a tidal wave which washed away or smashed 133 houses and devastated 9 cho of cultivated land. Two persons also were slightly wounded. The village officials and police then directed the people to construct a breakwater for about 30 cho, so that no further damage was done in the afternoon, and the north-east wind which had been blowing in the morning having subsided, the sea calmed. At Minato-machi, Ibaraki prefecture, the wind which had been blowing for several days attained great violence on the afternoon of the 8th instant. During the afternoon of the 9th instant lofty waves on several occasions washed the coast, and five or six houses were destroyed, but no lives were lost. On the same day there was a tidal wave at Yuriage hama, in Natori-gun, Miyagi prefecture, where 4 houses were swept away, 5 houses smashed and 4 others partially destroyed. Some 20 or 300 trees in a wood belonging to the crown were almost inundated.

The Japanese government has apologized to Great Britain for the Thales outrage. The Thales was stopped on the high seas by a Japanese man-of-war and searched. It was thought that Liu Yung-fu, the Black Flag chief was escaping from Formosa on the Thales. As a matter of fact he was on board, disguised as a coal passer, but the Japanese officers did not find him.

The Emperor of China has ordered that a railway line shall be laid between Peking and Tientsin. The distance is 216 li, while the estimated outlay is 2,400,000 taels.

In accordance with the decision arrived at by the horse breeding council, two farms for breeding horses will be established in the next fiscal year in Japan. One in either Kagoshima or Miyazakri prefecture, and the other in Iwate or Miyagi prefecture, which are each to be 2000 or 3000 cho in extent. It is also agreed that an Arab stud, costing 2000 yen per farm, will be purchased and placed on them. As soon as the diet shall have voted the outlay, an expert is to be sent to England for that purpose by the department of agriculture and commerce.

The entire Japanese forces in China were to be have been withdrawn by the 20th instant.

The total number of hands employed by spinning mills in Japan in October was 41,673, of whom 9,821 were men and 30,852 women. This is at the rate of one per thousand of the population. The average per day wages paid were 18 sen to men and 10.3 cen to women.

The Jiji Shimpo reports that Mr. Sudzuki Tsunesaburo, a Kobe tea merchant, has invented an apparatus for firing tea by which twenty-five pounds of tea, which would take ten hours to prepare by hand, can be fired in twenty-five minutes, while the fuel used for the new invention is only half that generally consumed, and the flavor of the tea is retained as well as that prepared by the usual process. A cost of 164 yen, it is claimed, can be saved in the preparation of 10,000 catties of tea. As the experiments with the new apparatus have proved very successful, it is proposed to erect a factory for the manufacture of the apparatus at Osaka.

The Tokyo Asahi Shimbun says the Geibi Nichi Nichi Shimbun, published in Hiroshima, contains the following news about the murder of the late queen of Korea, reported to have been effected by Japanese: "It has been previously stated that owing to the necessity, relative to the criminal cases on trial, to be positively informed whether the late queen was really dead, communication was made to the Corean government, and a reply received that the queen was not dead. But in this we were somewhat misinformed, the true fact being that the reply received was that the queen had not been murdered by Japanese. (!) It may be inferred how much effect this will have upon the decision of the court in this case."

It is reported that the queen had embraced the Roman Catholic faith a short time before her murder.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

"The People's Jimmy" Elected in Montreal Centre by a Big Majority.

Another Set Back for the Now Fast Falling Government at Ottawa.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—McShane, Liberal, elected by 273 majority.

THE ROAD IS ALL RIGHT.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Reported to Be Financially Sound.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Mr. Alex. Shaw, chairman of the finance committee of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, positively denies the newly revived statement that a receivership for the road is contemplated; he specially denies that the January interest on the bonds of the company will be passed, and unequivocally denies that there has been an irregularity in the book-keeping of the company.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

Yesterday's Stock Market Business Marked by a Rise in Values.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Evening Post, in its financial article, says: Our unfortunate experiment in a "war scare" clearly involved in the stock market three developments, a violent break in prices, an equally violent but not complete recovery, and subsequent low recession. This was the series of events presented in Europe's November war scare.

In Vienna especially, a month ago, our own experiences of the past week were foreshadowed with singular accuracy. To-day there were some signs that the third chapter on our own experiment was at hand. From the day's early high level there was a gradual decline, chiefly, however, on profit taking by the week's earlier speculative buyers. With the bond issue matter impending, there was naturally few sales for the short account and the closing was generally firm at irregular net advances for the day.

The resumption of business after the holidays was marked by a sharp rise in values in the early dealing on the stock exchange. The confident tone attributable to the expectation that the treasury would be strengthened by an issue of government bonds. In the best informed financial circles these views find acceptance, but thus far the only people whose statements would carry conviction are mute on the subject. It is not believed that a strictly gold bond bill can be carried through the senate, and accordingly, the impending issue will be under the same authority as the last two.

Cable News.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Mr. Poultency Bigelow, who arrived here on Monday charged with a mission referring to the expulsion of American insurance companies from Germany, has handed the government a detailed statement of the American position, which is supported by the United States embassy. Mr. Bigelow does not in any way represent the United States government in this matter. He is simply he representative of the insurance companies interested.

BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIES

Have Nothing to Fear From a Revival of McKinleyism in America.

They Have Risen Triumphantly Above Many a Worse Blow Than Such as That.

But America Must Tread Lightly on British Toes in Her Trade Policy.

London, Dec. 27.—The Times says, in an editorial: "There is every reason to suppose the silverites, in exposing the tariff and bond bills in the senate, will command a large measure of success. This severe blow to his most cherished financial convictions is a part of the immediate consequences of his ill judged message, which must be peculiarly distasteful to President Cleveland."

An editorial in the Standard on the same subject says: "The United States could hardly have selected a worse time to take the first step toward free trade, and the course of events, since the Wilson tariff has come into operation, has strengthened rather than weakened that opinion. It is therefore, unlikely that the senate will reject the present bill, and if President Cleveland vetoes it, he must run the risk of selling more four percent. coin bonds at prices lower proportionately than he could obtain for three per cent. gold bonds; and while he wrangles with the legislature his country's discredit goes on deepening abroad. The only consolation for the British manufacturer is that no renewal of a cast iron protective policy can hold sway in the United States very long. There is no need for us to regard the revival of McKinleyism as the death-knell of our industries, for these have risen triumphant above many a worse blow. But is it legitimate and fair to tell the American people that they cannot have more of our money while their trade is conducted on such lines, or while it remains impossible to know whether their debts will be paid in gold or paper. With a heightened tariff bond created by the state, and no genuine currency reforms, what more is required to lay the United States, economically, alongside of Brazil?"

The Chronicle says of the passage of the revenue bill by congress: "Politics in the United States goes round in a vicious circle, but at least we may be thankful that the Republicans are not for war.

The New York dispatch to the Daily News says: "There is a rumor that Secretary Olney has sent a private telegram to Lord Salisbury assuring him that the passage of the commission bill is not to be construed as a hostile act."

The Daily News says editorially on this: "There is nothing incredible or surprising in such an announcement; on the contrary, it would be highly honorable to Mr. Olney."

The Daily News says further: "Our Vienna correspondent has reason to believe that Lord Salisbury is negotiating with France and Holland, as owners of American colonies, to join in a protest against President Cleveland's action, which has already been condemned by Spain. We should be inclined to doubt the wisdom of any European alliance to meet demands which have not been supported by cool and sober opinion in America."

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says that Spain has already notified the British government of its opposition to President Cleveland, and that it is believed that the four states, Great Britain, France, Spain and Holland, will form a quadruple alliance to protect their American possessions against the United States.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE.

A Well Known Delta Farmer Meets an Untimely Death—Heavy Gales.

New Westminster, Dec. 27.—James McFarland, a well known farmer of Delta, was found dead this morning near his home, pinned down under a fallen tre that had blown down during the night or early this morning. A heavy gale has been blowing for twenty-four hours and all incoming steamers are behind time.

Canadian.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—George Tuckett & Son Co. on Christmas eve distributed the regular Christmas gifts to their employes. Four men received building lots with a certificate for $225 each as soon as they build on the lots.

Toronto, Dec. 26—Christmas day passed off quietly, with no accidents to record. Mild, damp weather prevailed, and probably in consequence more drinking than usual was done in the saloons, evidence of which was visible in the number of intoxicated persons on the streets.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—An interesting ceremony took place in Trinity church last night, when for the first time in the history of the Anglican church in Ontario, two young ladies were consecrated to the office and work of deaconesses by the bishop of Toronto.

—There was a small fire in one of the windows of Ald. Cameron's clothing store on Tuesday evening. Some of the decorations caught fire from the gas. Very little damage was done.

THE FIGHT FOR PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

Mr. Wm. Templeman Places Himself Fairly and Honestly Before the Electors.

A Masterly Exposition of the Policy and Platform of the Liberal Party.

Senator McInnes Makes a Telling Arraignment of the Tory Government.

Incapacity and Neglect of Present Administration Clearly Exposed.

Conservatives Who Came to Scoff, Saw Light, and Remained to Cheer.

Last evening was sloppy and unpleasant, one of the most disagreeable that Victoria has been visited with so far this winter, but it did not dampen the ardor of many hundreds of Liberals, who crowded the Victoria theatre to hear the views of the opposition candidate, Mr. William Templeman, on the issues in question in the present election. Those Liberals were amply rewarded, and those Conservatives who came to scoff remained to cheer when they saw the flood of light that had been let pour in on the questions which their party so strenuously endeavor to befog.

Senator McInnes convinced the audience of the deplorable attempt at deceiving the electorate that is being practised by the Tories, and he was not contradicted in a single instance. Mr. Scaife voiced the sentiments of the young men of this city and gave some severe but fair and square blows to the other side. Mr. Templeman's statement of his position commended itself to the audience, while Mr. Bodwell's magnificent exposition of the Manitoba school question, and the floundering of the Conservative party over it, was productive of cheering that has, for spontaneousness and heartiness, seldom been equalled at a public meeting in Victoria.

Hon. A. N. Richards expressed the pleasure he felt on being called upon to preside at such a splendid meeting on such a night. Although not going to make a speech he could not help referring to one point which Mr. Prior's friends had been pressing as a reason why there should be no contest at this bye-election, and it seemed to him a very foolish one, namely, because he had been offered some appointment in the government. (Laughter.) The idea was foolish, and Mr. Richards instanced an occasion in his own experience when he sought re-election in 1863, and was beaten by three influences: Sir John A. Macdonald, Darcy McGee and plenty of money. (Laughter.) Mr. Richards did not complain then.

Hon. Senator McInnes was the first speaker called upon, and he was received with that feeling which the public always accords to a tried champion in parliament of public rights. He prefaced his remarks by wishing it to be distinctly understood that he did not wish anything he stated this evening to be construed as being of a personal nature as referring to Col. Prior or any other Conservative. There was no quarrel between Col. Prior and himself, but he claimed it to be his duty to criticise the public actions of that gentleman or any other of the people's representatives. (Hear, hear.) Some people might perhaps enquire why the Senator was taking such an active part in this bye-election; but, without being egotistical, he might say that he was the first representative from British Columbia who, notwithstanding what the Colonist stated, pressed for and advocated the right of British Columbia to representation in the cabinet of the Dominion. (Applause.) It was nearly eleven years ago since he had begun this struggle, and he never allowed any favorable or proper opportunity to pass without pressing British Columbia's claims. It was only last session, just before prorogation, that he had enquired why British Columbia should not be given the then vacant portfolio of agriculture. He pointed out then, as he had many times before, how badly this province had been dealt with, and had stated it as his opinion that it was for no other reason than that she had always sent too subservient supporters of the Conservative government. (Applause.) The Hon. Senator compared the other provinces with this in the treatment they had received, showing how shamefully the Pacific province had been overlooked. It was a fact that since confederation of the different provinces with the Dominion they had had cabinet representation, and that of the seven provinces of the Dominion six of them have had such voice in the government of the country since joining confederation. British Columbia is greater in extent than any of the other provinces, and from her vast territory and importance as a heavy contributor to the Dominion exchequer, she has every right to that representation. (Applause.) It was not the subordinate position of a controller that the Senator asked for: what he wanted was a cabinet ministership for the province in the fullest sense of the term. (Applause.) What have we got? Notwithstanding the terrible criticism that was launched against the Senator in the editorial of the Colonist last Sunday, and the terrible scathing that was then given, he would say again that, in the face of a statute, it is an utter impossibility for the present government, by an order-in-council, to defeat the dictum of parliament by placing Col. Prior or anyone else in the position of controller of inland revenue and a cabinet minister at the same time. (Continuous applause.) The present government can do a great many things (laughter) and have done a great many things that were beyond their power, (laughter) but this is one of the things which the Mackenzie Bowell government, notwithstanding the terrible straits in which they were placed, cannot do (cheers) and that is to violate an act of parliament. (Renewed applause.) The Senator clearly outlined the legislation and circumstances attending it, which surrounded the creation of these controllerships in 1887, and showed that without doubt, until that act of 1887 became inoperative by repeal it was impossible for Col. Prior to hold the dual position of controller and cabinet minister, with an equal voice and power at the council board with the other twelve members. In that terrible editorial referred to was a telegram purporting to be a reply to a telegram sent to Dr. Bourinot asking him if Col. Prior was a cabinet minister. That reply merely states that he never gave an opinion on the question, but reading between the lines, it was as plain as daylight that if Dr. Bourinot could have given an affirmative answer, and had done so, it would have been flashed from one end of the country to the other. (Applause.)

A Voice—What is Mr. Wood?

The Senator.—Mr. Wood is in identically the same position, (great applause) and all these telegrams, the Senator was sorry to say, he firmly believed have been doctored in some way, or have been wilfully framed and sent out here for a vile and brutal purpose. (Great applause.) He would ask again could any one in that audience suppose that if Dr Bourinot could have telegraphed a reply saying: "Yes, you can occupy a controllership and have a seat in the cabinet," that it would not have been made the most of by the Colonist?

A voice.—And you bet they're the lads that would do it:

The Senator last Sunday had sent the following question by wire to Dr. Bourinot: "Can controllers occupy the dual positions of controllers and cabinet ministers? Please answer." Up to the present no answer had been received, (Never will"); perhaps so; but the natural inference was that if an affirmative answer could have been given it would have been flashed across the wires in a very short time. (Cheers.) Dr. Bourinot must be so under the control of the government that he dare not reply to that telegram (cheers); although in the past the Senator had always found him one of the most obliging and accommodating of officials at Ottawa. Therefore the Senator would reassert that as long as Col. Prior occupies the position of controller he cannot be a cabinet minister. If he throws up the former, he can be taken into the cabinet without portfolio and without pay, but it is utter folly for anyone to believe that he can occupy the two positions. (Applause.) Premier Bowell a few days ago had telegraphed that he was anxiously waiting an opportunity to serve the people of this province by giving them that representation in the cabinet that they asked for. This was a most extraordinary statement to come from a man occupying the high and important position of premier of Canada. Why, since the 14th of July last the portfolio of agriculture had been vacant till only two days ago; and it was only when Clarke Wallace resigned the subordinate position of controller that British Columbia came to the mind of the premier. (Laughter.) It had been stated that the portfolio rightfully belonged to the province of Quebec; it was nothing of the sort. Quebec already, without this portfolio, has her full share of the representation. In fact, a few evenings ago Col. Prior at his meeting boasted that this seat could be given to no other than a Quebec man, and, behold, next day it was handed over to an Ontario man, the youngest member of the cabinet, Dr. Montague. (Laughter.) Now, if the government are anxious to give British Columbia cabinet representation, why not give Col. Prior the secretaryship of state, which is now vacant? (Applause.) There is only one deduction to be drawn from the failure to do so, and that is the fact that the Ottawa government believes that the people of Victoria can be bought with a smaller sop. (Hear, hear and applause.) Every cabinet minister with a portfolio gets a salary of $7000, the premier $8000 ("They are going in for Chinamen's rates, now,") but they are going in for cheap labor, as you say and they are going to give Victoria a cheaper "cabinet minister" at $5000. (Great laughter.) Of course they are only fooling the people of British Columbia and Victoria especially, and the Senator hoped they would resent it in an unmistakable manner on the 6th of January. (Great cheers.) The Senator was exceedingly sorry that Col. Prior had not accepted the invitation to be present (applause and laughter) as the Senator always wished to say to a man's face anything he had to say against him. (Applause.) The chances are he would say more if the person he was talking about were present. (Renewed applause.)

The great overshadowing question, though, and the one on which this election will be largely fought out, is the Manitoba school question, but the Senator would give a few facts why the people should request Col. Prior to stay at home (hear, hear): a few instances of maladministration, of wholesale boodling, in fact, stealing (hear, hear), in which the government he supports have been interested. They have managed within the last ten years, to filch over six million dollars of the people's money in one way and another. This much has been proved before the public accounts committee of the house of commons. One of the instances was the little canal up to Hon. Mr. Haggart's private mill, costing $425,000, and the returns received from it amount to $48. (Laughter.) No more faithful supporter of the government that passed that "job" than Col. Prior could be found. Charley Rykert made a few honest dollars, amounting to $100,000, out of a timber lease, and Charley and the Colonel were particular friends. There were the Esquimalt dock, the Onderdonk affair, the hard pan matter and a number of other little matters that were put through by the government of which Col. Prior is a faithful follower. Then there was Mr. Cochrane, of East Northumberland, who so notoriously and shamelessly peddled about government positions, charging all the way from $50 to $200 for them, and when it was put to the vote to impeach him, Col. Prior was among the foremost who were most anxious to whitewash Mr. Cochrane.

A voice—What about Col. Prior; is he or is he not a cabinet minister?

The Senator—I have explained that already. As long as he holds the position of controller he cannot be a cabinet minister. (Applause.)

Sir Charles Tupper, the high commissioner—the great stretcher (laughter)—went into the last election with the promise of the building of the Salisbury railway as one of his pledges. This great undertaking was to shorten the Intercolonial railway 27½ miles, and was to cost the trifling sum of three million dollars. When the bill authorizing this delightful piece of jobbery was brought before the house it was challenged, but passed by a large majority, and among the yeas will be found the name of Col. Prior. Fortunately, though, the senate killed the iniquitous measure, and thereby saved to the country a sufficient sum to maintain the senate for twenty years. (Applause.) The franchise and gerrymander acts, two more outrageous measures, were supported by Col. Prior and the Senator's reference to these notorious statutes were loudly applauded.

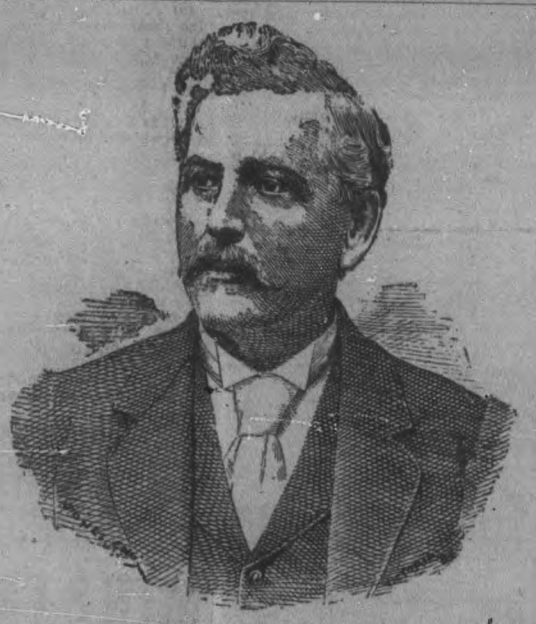
Col. Prior and his genial colleague had been very fond of impressing the public with the fact that they had done their best for Victoria. (Laughter.) Well, judging by results, that best had been very little. (Renewed laughter.) There was still the San Pedro gracing the rocks outside, and the only excuse the B. C. B. G. A. had for not firing a cannon the last five years was because they claimed the wrecked steamer was in the way. (Great laughter.) That might perhaps be looked upon as a stretch of imagination, but the Senator had it from one of the highest officers of the B. C. B. G. A.

Mr. Lorimer—Name—

The Senator—If the gentleman will come to me afterwards, and will undertake to act in confidence, I will give him or any two or three others the name. I never say anything I am unable to substantiate. (Applause.) They are making money by it, because they are saving powder, and you must have ammunition to fight these bye-elections. (Cheers.) The San Pedro lies there a monument to the negligence and incapacity of our members. Then, again, although the gallant Colonel has been at the head of as fine a body of men as there are in Canada, they have not a rifle range worthy of the name at which to practice. Once in a while they are taken down to Clover Point, to the detriment of pedestrians and people driving around there, or anyone out boating; the consequence being that our militia are unable, from want of proper practice, to place themselves in that state in which they will be capable of facing an enemy if the time should unfortunately ever come when they will be called into active service. He would say that of all this body of men 75 per cent. of them scarcely knew how to load a rifle. (Laughter.) They should have trained instructors and a proper rifle range. He also felt safe in saying that he could take the 35,000 militia in Canada to-day, and pick the two or three thousand men from them who are trained shots, place them against the rest on equal ground, that the two or three thousand would exterminate the larger body. It is absolutely necessary that our militia be given every facility to perfect themselves. (Cheers.)

Through the instrumentality and kind offices of Lord and Lady Aberdeen (applause) when here, the post office employes had been reinstated (renewed cheering). It was not through the efforts of our representatives, who were ignored by the little autocrat, Sir Adolphe Caron. The Senator brought this question up at the last session and asked the government why the clerks should not be given a stated and sufficient salary, instead of leaving them at the mercy of that petty tyrant, Sir Adolphe Caron (groans). Did Colonel Prior or Mr. Earle open their lips when the estimates were before the house of commons last session to have that wrong righted? The Senator challenged any man to show when they spoke in behalf of those oppressed employes (cheers). Never will these wrongs be righted until the god of fortune will, in a few months, place Mr. Laurier at the hear of the government (great cheering). The people of Victoria are interested in the building of the British Pacific railway. Did the Colonel or his collegue ask the Dominion government for a charter for that road, with which they could go to the money market and ask for money to build it? (No.) No; they did not, and that is another reason why you should request Mr. Prior to stay at home. (Applause).

"The next time I have the honor of addressing an audience in this theatre," concluded the Senator, "I hope I shall have the pleasure of the presence of Col. Prior." (Great cheering.)



WM. TEMPLEMAN.

Mr. Scaife made a characteristically witty and pithy speech, in which he, at the opening, likened the present occasion to a Christmas dinner. He desired at the outset to bear personal tribute to Colonel Prior. Everyone of the Liberals of Victoria believe that Colonel Prior is sincere about this cabinet ministership or controllership, whichever he cares to call it. Personally, no doubt, the Colonel believes it is all right, but many believed—and Mr. Scaife was among them—that when the Colonel gets to Ottawa, when he does get there (laughter) and only then will he find that he is mistaken. Speaking for himself, Mr. Scaife took it as a sign of the times that he, a comparatively young man in the community, had been called upon to address such an important meeting, but there is now a growing spirit in Victoria to encourage the younger spirit as much as possible (applause) and he was glad to see it, for the young men should bear equally with the old the responsibilities of the day. Politics should occupy the highest place in a man's ambition, if he had any, and should not be regarded as an effort to get into power the government which is going individually, to put the most money in our pockets. Therefore he was sorry to see so much prominence given to the cabinet minister question. There are greater and more important questions to be considered. There was the national policy to be considered. When a man has been married sixteen or seventeen years, he has a pretty fair idea whether matrimony suits him. We have been wedded to the National Policy for about that time and we are in a position to judge. Mr. Scaife personally felt that it does not suit the people of this country. (Applause.) This brought to mind the occasion when Sir Hibbert Tupper, the champion strong man of the Conservative party, was in Victoria and occupied a position on that same platform. Mr. Scaife attended that meeting expecting to hear a masterly exposition of the policy of the Conservative party, but the impression he with many hundreds of others carried away was that Sir Chas. H. Tupper's chief strength lay in abusing his opponents, the Liberal party. (Laughter.) and when, possibly by inadvertance, he happened to mention the name of the Liberal leader (applause) there was such a wonderful outburst of applause that it seemed as if the house went wild with joy at the mere mention of Mr. Laurier's name. (Renewed cheering.) A voice from that great audience asked Sir Charles Tupper something about his policy, and it would be remembered that Sir Charles then replied, striking a very dramatic attitude, that his policy would be found written on the wall. (Laughter.) Mr. Scaife thought at the time that the simile was a rather unfortunate one, because those present who remembered their Bible history would call to mind what that other writing on the wall was. (Great laughter and applause.) There was some difficulty—of course it is a long time ago—(laughter) about interpreting that writing (laughter), and the interpreter, a gentleman named Daniel ("a Liberal, you bet") translated it, when it was found to read: "You are weighed in the balance and found wanting." (Great cheering.) Sir Charles Tupper had also been unfortunate in his reference to the Connolly-McGreevy pair of martyrs—to the Conservative cause—and he then produced the only documentary evidence that he brought forward that evening, and Mr. Scaife's recital of it, in parody, created repeated roars of laughter. It was urgently pressed by the physician that the invalids could eat only three meals a day (laughter) and that they found the time long between drinks (great laughter); therefore, in the interests of the National Policy, they should be forthwith liberated (applause), and liberated they were. ("You bet they were.") (Great cheering.) Every society, concluded Mr. Scaife, had its bard, and the Liberal association had theirs. That gentleman had just run off a few lines and Mr. Scaife had been commissioned to read them. Their reading created convulsions of applause. The immortal verses ran as follows:

The sending of telegrams once in a while—
We've just had a wire to say so—
May help a lame dog to get over the style;
We've just had a wire to say so.
In fact it's the fashion, completely the rage;
So not to get left at this critical stage,
We think in the pastime we'll also engage—
We've just had a wire to say so.

When Wallace resigned (he did what he should),
We've just had a wire to say so,
They filled up his place with a minion called Wood;
We've just had a wire to say so,
Their scheme of coercion he could not support,
He knew it was failure, so not to get caught,
He acted as every true patriot ought;
We've just had a wire to say so.

They were all in the frying pan, dreading the fire,
We've just had a wire to say so;
And in their extremity call'd upon Prior—
We've just had a wire to say so.
They felt they were sinking out here in B. C.,
So our junior member they made a P. C.,
As a sop to the voters—that's you and me!
We've just had a wire to say so.

They made him a minister, gave him a seat,
We've just had a wire to say so,
At the council board, hoping to parry defeat—
We've just had a wire to say so.
Prompt action was needed e're yet t'was too late;
The proffered appointment was but second rate,
But our gallant militiaman swallowed the bait—
We've just had a wire to say so.

Five thousand per annum in times such as these—
We've just had a wire to say so—
Prov'd ample to bring him right plump on his knees;
We've just had a wire to say so.
Most dignified action! most elegant pose!
But what his position is nobody knows;
It's follow my leader and everything goes,
We've just had a wire to say so.

The Colonel's a dancer and sings a good song,
We've just had a wire to say so;
In the past these accomplishments helped him along—
We've just had a wire to say so;
But though by his party he's thought to be slick,
We're not to be fooled by this cabinet trick—
We've just had a wire to say so.

Some few dozen telegrams now have been sent,
We've just had a wire to say so,
Another example of money misspent,
We've just had a wire to say so;
But whether the Colonel his billet will keep
Remains to be seen, we are not all asleep,
And, likely as not as he's sown, so he'll reap,
We've just had a wire to say so.

Coerce Manitoba! Yes, that is the cry,
We've just had a wire to say so;
We strongly advise them to pause e're they try,
We've just had a wire to say so.
Meanwhile they're arrived at the end of their wits,
And if at the poll we don't give them fits,
We'll prove ourselves merely the semblance of "Grits"—
We've just had a wire to say so.

Mr. Templeman was given a reception that for its heartiness and genuine enthusiasm has seldom been surpassed by any ovation given to a candidate for public honors in Victoria. He was much gratified to see the meeting graced by the presence of ladies. (Applause.) It is a departure from the old rule, and he hoped it would be continued at future meetings, because he was convinced that if we have the ladies with us, and there is a great number of them in sympathy with the Liberal cause, (cheers) the success of the party was certain. (Applause.) Mr. Templeman was not commissioned to apologize for Mr. Jamieson, the lessee of the theatre, on account of the building not being open till a quarter to eight o'clock, and not even then till the matter had been called attention to. It must have been an inadvertance, because Mr. Jamieson could not possibly have made the mistake that the theatre had been engaged for the other side. (Cheers.) However, he would apologize for him. (Applause.) Another apology was due to his Liberal friends for the Conservative party, for the gentlemen who are at the head of the Conservative party, who have thought it wise to place in the hands of those attending this meeting a document of this kind, and Mr. Templeman held up a "dodger" entitled "A Nice Record," in which, he said, our Conservative friends have a number of the telegrams on this cabinet minister question appearing in the Times. Those telegrams credited to the Times were headed "Fiction," while those in an opposite column, which had appeared in the Colonist, were headed "Facts." But after each Times dispatch was printed: "Templeman in the Times." Mr. Templeman, looking straight at the audience, said: "I did not write those telegrams." (Cheers.) "They were sent to and appeared in the Times newspaper." (Renewed cheers.) "I say it is unfair

Continued on page 3.

There is

a sense of security in knowing that the hoops wont fall off your tubs and pails on wash-day.

This luxury is enjoyed only by those using

E. B. Eddy's INDURATED FIBREWARE

The hoops dont fall off—because there are none.

Beneath the stars they watched alone,
Returning from an evening ramble;
"Now Jack," she said, in sweetest tone,
"Please tell me do you ever gamble?"

"Dearest, I don't," was his reply,
His face aglow with rapturous bliss;
"But who would say I should not try
Could I always hold a hand like this?"

In a medical report written by the head of a child's hospital, it is declared "that all healthy children should cry three or four times a day at least, at an average from ten to fifteen minutes each time."

In Advanced Years

The strength and pure blood necessary to resist the effects of cold seasons are given by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I have for the last 25 years of my life been complaining of a weakness of the lungs and colds in the head, especially in the winter. Last fall I was again attacked. Reading of Hood's Sarsaparilla I was led to try it. I am now taking the fifth bottle with good results. I can positively say that I have not spent a winter as free from coughs or pains and difficult breathing spells for the last 25 years as was last winter. I can lie down and sleep all night without any annoyance from cough or pain in the lungs or asthmatic difficulty." E. M. CHAMBERLAIN, J. P., Cornhill, N. B.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the Only

True Blood Purifier

Prominently in the public eye today.

Hood's Pills cure habitual constipation. Price 25c. per box.

ARCHITECTS.

JNO. TEAGUE,
ARCHITECT.
Office, corner of Broad street and Trounce avenue.

SOCIETIES.

B. C. PIONEER SOCIETY.
The Hall of the above society in Musgrave Block, Broad street, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the convenience of the Pioneers and their friends, who are cordially invited to visit the rooms.

VETERINARY.

S. F. TOLMIE,
VETERINARY SURGEON.
Graduate Ont. Vet. Col., Member Ont. Vet. Med. Soc. (Late with Dr. John Wende, V.S., Buffalo, N.Y.) Office at Bray's Livery, 100 Johnson street. Telephone 182; residence telephone 417, Victoria, B. C.

SCAVENGERS.

JULIUS WEST, GENERAL SCAVENGER, successor to John Dougherty. Yards and cesspools cleaned, contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street, grocers; Cochrane & Munn, corner of Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone, 130.

FOR SALE.

HOLLY! HOLLY! HOLLY! for Christmas decorations at McTavish's, 9 Park Road. dec14-2wks.

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—On Xmas Eve, a pair of lady's fancy garters. Finder please return to this office. dec26

WANTS.

WANTED—Twenty-five men at Beaver Lake. Wages 25 cents an hour, Board, $5 a week. Walkely, King & Casey.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED—In office or warehouse by a young Englishman with a fair knowledge of German. Good testimonials and references of former office work. Apply by letter to F, Times Office. dec23-6t

WANTED—A girl to do general house work, at 120, cor. Herald and Blanchard streets. Call from 10 to 12 and 2 to 4. dec20-tf

WANTED—Farmers and builders to leave their orders at Shore's hardware store, 57 Johnson street. dec20-tf

WANTED—A second hand sewing machine. Must be in good order. Address, stating lowest price and make, D. G., Times office. dec17

WANTED—Twenty-five men at Beaver Lake. Wages 22 1-2 cents an hour; board $4.50 a week. Walkely, King & Casey. dec11-tf

MISCELLANEOUS.

PERSONAL—The recipient of a Christmas gift will prize his book more if his name is neatly lettered in gold thereon. You should know that this pleasure costs but 25c., and the neatest work in this line is done by Phil. R. Smith, 32 Langley st. dec21-1w

A. S. GOING,
Assoc. M. Am. Soc. C. E.; A. M. Can. Soc. C. E.;
Civil Engineer and Provincial Land Surveyor.
Railroads, Mines, Drainage, Plans, Estimates, Surveys, Construction superintended. Room 23, Five Sisters Block, Victoria, B.C. dec20-1m

A. & W. WILSON
PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS,
Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths. Dealers in best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc. Shipping executed at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B. C. Telephone call 198

JEWELERS, ETC.

WALTHAM WATCHES, $7.
In solid silver cases, guaranteed for five years.
S. A. STODDART,
The New Watchmaker and Jeweller,
68½ Yates Street.
Cleans Watches thoroughly for 75c., New Main Spring, 75c.; Balance and Pallet Staffs, $1.25. And guarantees all work for 12 months. Practical experience of over 25 years.

XMAS

Cakes and Puddings

Of the Choicest and Purest Materials obtainable.

Crystallized Fruits in Fancy Boxes.

New Nuts, Fresh Cream Candy, Tom Smith's and German Bon Bons.

HENRY CLAY,

Baker and Confectioner,

39 Fort Street

"LOOK IT UP."

Yes, dear reader, they have been "looking it up," and now that the HOUSES ARE LET, EXCEPT THE BIG ONE, we are turning our attion to the arable acreage that we offer at prices to defy competition.

Yes, MOUNT TOLMIE ESTATE, values have suffered, but by a favorable financial arrangement we are meeting the drop in prices.

We must pay our past due taxes or be "SOLD UP."

Call for map and get particulars of FIVE and TEN acre plots, all ready for the plow, that will produce anything that will grow on Vancouver Island.

J. H. BROWNLEE,

Financial Agent.

Rooms 38 and 39,
Board of Trade Building.

The Compliments of

WEILER BROS.

Are extended to Victoria's citizens and visitors, inviting them to view their almost unlimited variety of

Xmas and New Year **Gifts!**

This is the season of the year when you can make happy the hearts of one another as at no other time; and a tangible proof of your good wishes will be seen in the present you may make on Christmas morning.

Remember, we have something to suit all comers.

WEILER BROS

A very Happy Christmas to you all.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday next, the 30th inst., at 4 p.m., for printing and binding 300 copies of the Annual Report of the Corporation for the year 1895, also for printing a number of by-laws.

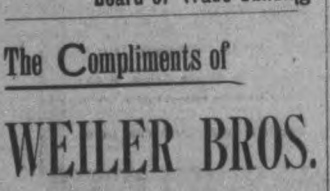
Specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B C. Dec. 23rd, 1895.

JOHN MESTON,



Carriage Maker

BLACKSMITH, ETC.

Broad Street, Between Johnson and Pandora Streets.

Sun Life Assurance Co.,

OF CANADA.

Policies non-forfeitable and incontestable. Largest profits to policy holders. Money to loan on business blocks, Improved farms and high class residential property.

A. H. HARMAN & CO.
Agents for Victoria and district,
39 Broad street, Victoria.

—The cost of a solid silver stem-wind Waltham watch, guaranteed five years, is $7 at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

—Ladies' companions and scissor cases at Fox's.

—China tea sets at Cheapside.

THE FIGHT FOR PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

Continued from page 2.

to create a false impression like this. It is unfair to me; it is unfair to the Liberals." (Cheers.) "It says the column by Templeman in the Times illustrates the methods of the bunco steerer. If I understand the meaning of that term aright, it is an individual who in a large city waits for the unwary country man and steers him into some place to be robbed. (Applause.) I am described, I take it, as a bunco steerer. I do not wish to say anything harsh of anyone, but I think the man who penned that, I don't care whether his name is Perry or anything else, had no right to do so. (Tremendous cheering.)

The point was so well taken that it carried the meeting by storm and it was evident the attempt to injure the Liberal candidate had acted like a boomerang.

"During my career of eleven years in this city," said Mr. Templeman, "I can go to either the Liberal or Conservative party for a certificate of character, and I need not fear for the sort of one I shall get. (Great cheering.) I regret very much that this campaign should be one of slander of any kind. (Hear, hear.) I shall not retort in kind, but I want, and I will have, fair, honorable treatment, and that is all I ask. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bodwell at this juncture appeared on the stage and was given a royal reception.

Continuing, Mr Templeman remarked that this was a party fight for party principles. He cared not whether Col. Prior was a full-fledged cabinet minister, or only a half-fledged cabinet minister, he should be opposed by the people of this city on account of the general policy of the government he represents. (Applause.) That policy has not been in the interests of the people of this province, and it is not approved of by the majority of the people of this city today. (Applause.) This election gives the people an opportunity to say whether or not they approve of that policy. The opposition party maintain that a tariff for revenue only is the true policy for this country. (Hear, hear.) The Conservatives on the other hand maintain that a protective tariff, protection in the interests of the eastern manufacturers, with a view of building up those manufacturers, is the true policy. That is the great, broad issue between the two parties. Another is the character of the administration of the Conservative government, whether they are to go on, as they have for the past five years, in their extravagance and their boodling (hear, hear), and in their wholesale mismanagement. (Cheers.) The national debt has been enormously increased under the present administration, over one hundred millions. That is an issue, surely, overshadowing the minor issue of this dispute about a cabinet ministership. (Cheers.) The Liberal party are going in for economical government (hear, hear) they feel and they promise that the affairs of the country should be more economically administered. ("That's what we want.") Then there were those productions of the Conservative party, the franchise and gerrymander acts, twin iniquities (cheers) that should be repealed (applause), and the franchise placed on a fairer and more economical basis. (Applause.) The Liberals propose wiping off the statute books such disgraces to public legislation. (Cheers.) There are many minor questions, but these were the great issues until the Manitoba school question—an unfortunate question—come to the front. The Liberals on that question, take the stand of the defence of provincial rights. (Great applause.) They say Manitoba must not be coerced; no province must be coerced. (Applause.) The government say they are bound by the judgment of the privy council to pass remedial legislation and to force on Manitoba an objectionable school law. The Liberals say that if this is done the government will be doing the minority of Manitoba an injury, and they will be creating a greater grievance than the one they propose to remedy. The Liberal party want the government to pause and think before they force this remedial bill on Manitoba; take time and investigate all the facts. (Applause.) Mr. Templeman honestly confessed that he had much hesitation in discussing this question, from the fear that he would not be able to do it justice, and he therefore did not propose to go into the legal aspect of the case. That would be more ably handled by Mr. Bodwell, who was eminently qualified to deal with the constitutional and legal side of the question, if anyone was. In this Canada of ours we are composed of two very large classes, the Protestants predominating. Therefore, he thought it was the duty of every politician not to foment quarrels that may have far-reaching and disastrous results and threaten to smash confederation to pieces. (Cheers.) Mr. Templeman believed, from what he knew of the people of Manitoba, that nine-tenths of them are opposed to coercive legislation, and he felt that if it passed the house and the Dominion government attempted to enforce it, there was no knowing where the matter would end. (Hear, hear.) He thought it would eventually prove worse for the minority of Manitoba if that course is taken. (Applause.) On the other hand he recognized the difficulty in which the government were placed. They were in a dilemma from which they did not know how to escape. (Hear, hear.) It would be wise statesmanship, he thought, on the part of the majority in Manitoba to make some compromise on this question, with a view of meeting the wishes of the minority. (Cheers.) There is no doubt of its being an issue in this campaign, because Mr. Prior has accepted a position in the government resigned by Mr. Wallace because the latter could not bring himself to consent to the government's coercive policy. Mr. Templeman felt strengthened in his position as a Liberal in taking the stand he did on the school question on the ground of provincial rights. (Cheers.) For many years the central government at Ottawa have been endeavoring to curtail provincial rights. Many would remember the question of the Jesuits Estates Act a few years ago, which then raised nearly as much agitation as the present dispute. The Liberal party then took its stand on provincial rights—on the broad ground of the right of the provinces to legislate on all questions relegated to them by the provisions of the B. N. A. act. There is not the same pretext, Mr. Templeman would admit, for the government interfering with British Columbia schools, but they might sooner or later find an excuse for interfering with the schools here (applause) and now is our time to state unmistakably that such a step will not be tolerated. (Cheers.) This, speaking generally, was Mr. Templeman's reason for taking his present stand on the school question, and in doing so he felt he was carrying out the policy of the Liberal party. Mr. Laurier had long ago come to the conclusion that the question was one for investigation, and that eminent Presbyterian divine, Dr. Grant, after a personal investigation in Manitoba of the whole question, had come to the same conclusion. (Cheers.)

Mr. Templeman dealt briefly with the manner in which this province, the great milch cow of the Dominion, has been treated by the Conservative government, and gave some facts and figures of the amount contributed and that received back, from which it was shown that the balance was heavily against British Columbia.

Mr. Templeman closed by saying that if public opinion, as he hears it daily expressed, is any index of the vote that will be polled, Col. Prior will be defeated by a very large majority. (Great cheers.) Mr. Templeman therefore asked his friends to rally round and place him at the head of the poll. (Renewed and continued cheering.)

Mr. Bodwell's speech was a masterly exposition of the school question, and from its clear and deep reasoning, its powerful delivery and pure diction, a speech that will ever be remembered by the hundreds who crowded the building as one of the brightest and most eloquent pieces of oratory ever heard here. Owing to pressure on our space it has been found necessary to hold it over till to-morrow, as it could not be given justice in a condensed form.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and rousing cheers for Templeman, not a dissenting voice being heard in the building.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Call at the London bar for Al Tom and Jerry.

—Okell & Morris' jams and jellies are absolutely pure.

—The best value for your money at Shore's Hardware.

—Dolls at the Manchester House will be sold at cost this week by order of the consignor.

—A general meeting of the Jubilee hospital directors will be held next Monday evening.

—Remember that the "Headquarters" is situated next to Feil's on Fort street; the sign is Weiler Bros.

—Members of the Y. M. C. will repeat their recent exhibition to-morrow evening for the benefit of the gymnasium fund.

—A pleasant Christmas eve was spent by the members of the Valhalla. Dancing was the chief entertainment. About fifty couples sat down to the supper which followed. A like entertainment has been arranged for New Year's Eve.

—So thorough is the excellence of Ayer's Hair Vigor that it can be used with benefit by any person, no matter what may be the condition of the hair, and, in every case, it occasions satisfaction and pleasure, in addition to the benefit which invariably comes from its use.

—An entertainment for the benefit of the St. James Hall fund will be held to-morrow evening in the hall, James Bay. Several talented young people will be present "Perfection," or the Lady of Munster. The following will take part: Misses Bowden, Trimen, Sorby, and Messrs. C. A. Goffin, Billinghurst, Parkes and Holmes.

—Victoria Y. M. C. A. football club and the Nanaimo Swifts will meet at the Caledonia grounds to-morrow afternoon in the first match for the intermediate football cup. The following will be the Y. M. C. A. team: Goal, McCrossan; backs, C. L. Cullin, and W. A. Lorimer; half backs, Fowkes, Norris and Scott; forwards, F. Cullin, J. W. Lorimer, Erskine, W. York and L. York.

—This evening at the Victoria theatre Schilling's Minstrels will make their annual appearance. Mr. Schilling has selected a company this season of more than ordinary reputation and ability, every member of which has long graduated with honors from the highest schools of minstrelsy, and is headed by the celebrated wit and dialect comedian, Lew Spencer, who will occupy the bone end, and will have for his opponent on the opposite end Charles Schilling. One of the features of the programme is the costuming and stage setting of the first part. A mass of silks, satins, plush and velvets arranged in harmonious colors, forms one of the prettiest parts ever given by a like organization. A very amusing skit by Lew Spencer, Carroll and Nealy, called "Daily the Troubadour," closes the first part, followed immediately by "Kinzo," the wonderful Japanese equilibrist; Frank Hammond, the peculiar comedian, in a monologue act; Carroll and Nealy in a very funny knock-about act; Charles E. Schilling in a musical act always welcome; the Trocadero Quartette in their original creation, "The Telephone Agent," the bill concluding with a marvellous acrobatic act by the European wonders, the Brothers La Rose.

—Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the travelling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

JUST OPENED. **THE PARIS HOUSE.** JUST OPENED.

DOUGLAS STREET, BALMORAL BUILDING.

HAYBL BROS., Genuine Ladies' Tailors, Late From Paris.

The Latest Parisien Styles in Tailor-Made Habits, Gowns, Coats and Mantles.

Artistic in design.

Perfect in fit.

Unexcelled in Workmanship.

Only experts employed.

The Latest Importations in Woolens, Serges, and Fancy Vestings.

Costumes for Travelling and Sporting wear in original designs and materials quite unobtainable elsewhere.

Country orders promptly attended to.

Every lady who wishes to be up to date as far as fashions is concerned should hasten to give us a call.

—"Our Store" will be illuminated to-night, Monday and Tuesday. Weiler Bros.

—Gilmore & McCandless are looking for the man in need of an overcoat.

—Insist upon your grocer giving you OLell & Morris' Jams.

—Coal hods at Cheapside.

AMUSEMENTS

VICTORIA THEATRE.

—ONE NIGHT ONLY—

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th

Chas E. Schilling's

MINSTRELS

6—GREAT COMEDIANS—6

Sextette of Sweet Singers. 10 New and Novel Acts.

Grand Shakesperian first part. Olio of European and American Novelties.

EVERYTHING ENTIRELY NEW.
MAGNIFICENT COSTUMES.
ELABORATE STAGE APPOINTMENTS.

Prices, $1 and 75c. Gallery, 50c. Seats on sale Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

MEETINGS.

POLITICAL MEETING!

The Opposition candidate, Mr. TEMPLEMAN, and others, will address the electors at CEDAR HILL SCHOOL HOUSE, on MONDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

Col. Prior is invited to attend.

Notice.

Pursuant to the by-laws of the said company, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the company, No. 74 Yates street, in the city of Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m. of that day, for the purpose of choosing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may be brought before said meeting. Immediately after their election, the board of directors will meet to elect officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them.

WM. H. PHIPPS,
December 23rd, 1895. Secretary.

MUNICIPAL.

$10 REWARD.

The above mentioned reward is hereby offered for such information as will lead to the conviction of any person or persons breaking the glass of the window of any unoccupied house or other, in the City of Victoria, or damaging in any way any portion thereof, or of the premises appertaining thereto, or removing therefrom any articles belonging to the said premises, or defacing injuring or destroying any street sign or other property belonging to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

By order,

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C.M.C.

Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1895.

$25.00 REWARD.

The above reward is hereby offered for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons tampering or interfering in any way with any manhole, ventilator, flush tank, or other part of the sewerage system of the City of Victoria, or causing any impediment or obstruction to the proper and effective operation of any portion of the said system, except when acting under instructions from the City Engineer or Sanitary Officer.

By order,

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1895.

What to Send

As a Christmas present to the loved ones far away is a momentous question with many just now.

The selection of a suitable present is a matter upon which one is always willing to accept some advice.

Here is ours:

Endeavor to choose something that will bring the greatest amount of pleasure for the greatest length of time for the least expenditure.

Now that's advice.

Here's an undeniable, absolute and positive fact: Nothing will bring a greater amount of real enjoyment to distant friends for a greater length of time at such a small expenditure as

A Paid Up Subscription To the Twice-a-Week TIMES For One Year.

This will cost but $1.50 and twice each week for 52 weeks will be, to the recipient, a welcome visitor and a constant reminder of friendly solicitude on the part of the donor.

Think of it! Only $1.50 will buy the best of all Christmas presents—will bring pleasure and happiness into the home for one entire year if expended in the purchase of A PAID UP SUBSCRIPTION to the TWICE-A-WEEK TIMES.

Send your friend this best of all Christmas presents.

SEND IT NOW!

Sample copies free of charge at the TIMES OFFICE, BROAD STREET.

TABLE DELICACIES

Chelsea Table Jelly,
Christie's Short Bread,
'Frisco Saloon Pilot Bread.

If you want something nice for breakfast try

Quaker Oats.

For Sale by

R. H. JAMESON, 33 Fort Street.

SEQUAH'S REMEDIES

Can be Obtained from your Chemist

TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE

Don't forget, these Remedies have been

PUBLICLY TESTED

and proved to be superior to any other

Sold by all Chemists and direct from Langley & Co.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Small advertisements, set like this paragraph, received up to 4 p.m. each day. Larger ads. must be sent in earlier. "Changes" for standing ads. received up to 11 a.m.

Old Dr. Gordon's Remedy for Men

CURES POSITIVELY

Lost Power, Nervous Debility, Failing Manhood, Secret Diseases, caused by the errors and excesses of youth.

Young, middle-aged or old men, suffering from the effects of follies and excesses, restored to health, manhood and vigor.

Price $1.00, 6 boxes for $5.00. Sent by mail securely sealed. Write for our book, *"Startling Facts,"* for Men only, tells you how to get well and stay well.

Address, QUEEN MEDICINE CO., Box 947 MONTREAL.

The Improved KNITTER of Family

WILL Knit 15 pairs of sox a day. Will do all Knitting required in a family, home-spun or factory yarn. SIMPLEST KNITTER on the Market.

This is the one to use. A child can operate it. We guarantee every machine to do good work. We can furnish ribbing attachments. Agents wanted. Write for particulars.

DUNDAS KNITTING MACHINE CO., DUNDAS, ONT.

(Mention this paper.)

Dr. TAFT'S ASTHMALENE **CURES ASTHMA** so that you need NOT SIT UP all night gasping for breath for fear of suffocation. Send your name and address, we will mail trial bottle **FREE**

DR. TAFT BROS., 186 ADELAIDE ST., W. TORONTO, ONT.

Look! Look! Look!

USEFUL PRESENTS for Christmas and New Year. Palms, Primulas, Cinerarias, and other foliage and flowering plants, at

McTAVISH'S NURSERY,

.....9 Park Road.

If Sick

After that Christmas "Blow-Out," see that your Prescription is sent to

JONES,

P. P. P. P., Government St.

DECEMBER.

S.	M.	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

JOSHUA DAVIES

AUCTIONEER,

Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

A SIGN OF DESPAIR.

Col. Prior's friends must be in a rather desperate mood when they resort to such unfair methods of warfare as the circulation of indecent dodgers. That one sent out from the Conservative headquarters and distributed last evening at the door of the theatre was of a peculiarly disreputable type, and no man on Col. Prior's side who has any self-respect can help feeling ashamed of it. This style of campaigning is favored largely by politicians of the worst stamp among our American neighbors, but it cannot commend itself to fair-minded and honorable Canadians. We do not think so poorly of Col. Prior as to suppose that he was a party to the circulation of this blackguardly fly-sheet, but he must see for himself that the public is likely to give him a share of the responsibility unless he takes care to repudiate it.

TOO MUCH EVIDENCE.

Colonel Prior in his extremity appears to have appealed to his dear friend Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper for aid and comfort. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, in the exuberance of his generosity, appears to have given the colonel a little too much evidence. Here is his dispatch as it appears in the Colonist:—

Ottawa, Dec. 26.

"Hon. E. G. Prior, Victoria:

His Excellency informed me last night that he had signed a minute of council approving of your appointment as a member of the cabinet and privy council. Charles Hibbert Tupper."

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper as a minister of the crown himself must know that ministers of the crown are not appointed by order-in-council, nor are their appointments so approved in that way. Controllers, on the other hand, are appointed by order-in-council, and are removable by a similar process. Colonel Prior should appeal to some person with more discretion than Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. And as for the latter, well, perhaps, nobody in Victoria would expect him to display any better taste than to drag in the name of the Governor-General in the endeavor to bolster up an obvious "fake."

THE COLONEL AT SEA.

Hundreds of Victorians last evening listened with pleasure and profit to Mr. Bodwell's masterly exposition of the Manitoba school question. If those who did so took the trouble this morning to read the Colonist's report of Col. Prior's Spring Ridge speech they must have been rather astonished at the contrast between the two efforts. Col. Prior is as much at sea as Mr. Bodwell is at home on this question. Here is a specimen of the Colonel's eccentricities:

Now about Manitoba. Manitoba joined the Dominion about the same time as British Columbia. They had separate schools there before confederation and until 1890. Why had she them? Simply because the constitution of Manitoba was essentially different on educational subjects to those of the other provinces. The Grits, however, are careful not to mention this. Manitoba had these separate schools prior to confederation, not by law but by practice. Whilst in the other provinces the B. N. A. act is the sole constitution Manitoba has a separate act—the Manitoba act—confirmed in 1870 by the Imperial parliament. In this act section 22 is nearly the same as the B. N. A. act, except that sub-section 1 reads:

"Nothing in any such law shall prejudicially affect any right or privilege with respect to denominational schools which any class of persons have by law or practice in the province at the union.

"2. An appeal shall lie to the Governor-General-in-Council from any act or decision of the legislature of the province, or of any provincial authority, affecting any right or privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education."

These two vital words "or practice" made the difference between the Manitoba act and the B. N. A. act. The Privy Council held that separate schools did exist in Manitoba before confederation "by practice" but not "by law."

In point of fact Manitoba did not have separate schools before confederation, that is in the sense conveyed by the legal term. The judgment of the judicial committee was that separate schools did not exist in Manitoba at the time of confederation, either by law or by practice, and that the Manitoba School Act of 1890 did not contravene the provisions of the law. The exact wording of the Privy Council judgment of 1892 is:

"Held, that the act of 1890, which abolished the denominational system of public education established by law since the union, but which did not compel the attendance of any child at a public school, or confer any advantage in respect of attendance other than that of free education, and at the same time left each denomination free to establish, maintain and conduct its own schools, did not contravene the above proviso; and that accordingly certain by-laws of a municipal corporation, which authorized assessments under the act, were valid."

Colonel Prior has evidently mixed up the two cases in which this question was involved before the privy council. The first resulted in the judgment quoted above, declaring the Manitoba legislation of 1890 perfectly valid. The second case involved the right of the minority to appeal to the Dominion government against any action of the provincial authority which seemed to them to affect their rights or privileges. In that case the privy council said there was a right of appeal, but it did no say the Dominion authority was bound to act on that appeal. Col. Prior is not a lawyer, but he has long been a member of parliament and he claims to be a cabinet minister, so his ignorance in regard to this matter is quite inexcusable. He should carefully peruse the report of Mr. Bodwell's speech, which will appear to-morrow.

MR. BEGG'S LETTER.

The letter from Mr. Begg, author of the History of the Northwest, is worthy of the careful perusal of every Victorian at the present juncture. It gives a clear and succinct statement of the issues involved in the present contest, and is written from a completely non-partizan point of view. Mr. Begg was long a resident of Manitoba, he has a peculiarly accurate knowledge of the province and its history, and as a historian he is well fitted for the careful weighing of public questions.

The effort to look pleasant must be a terrible strain on the Colonel these days

---

If Chinamen could only vote, what an army the friends of Col. Prior would muster at the polls!

If the electors would only go to sleep from now until election day the Colonel would win that $5000. But they won't, and he won't.

Who would have thought a coercionist could have been found in the uniform of a colonel of the Canadian militia! It's hard on the uniform.

Colonel Prior's little "cabinet" fake won't work. Premier Bowell pressed the button all right, but the electors are taking a hand in doing the rest.

Funny that the people of Victoria don't enthuse over the controllership and and "cabinet" fake. Five thousand dollars is a lot of money these hard times.

The people of Manitoba don't know how to run their own affairs, so Premier Bowell offered $5000 for a man to help him show them how and he found one—in Victoria.

After the Liberal meeting last night, Mr. Perry stated that he was not responsible for the fly-sheet describing Mr. Templeman as a bunco-steerer, and further that he disapproved of such unfair political tactics.

Here are a few of the choice epithets hurled at a portion of the electors of Victoria in a thirty-two line editorial in this morning's Colonist: "Liars," "stupid lying," "liars," "shallow witted," "short-sighted gang," "impudent," "barefaced," "lying," "senseless," "shallow fraud," "utterly senseless," "unprincipled," "cheat." This sort of writing almost equals in force the dodger circulated by Col. Prior's friends last evening.

ROSSLAND.

The Prospector.

The committee sent to Spokane to confer with Mr. Corbin will return to Rossland this evening, and will have only a short report to make, as they found Mr. Corbin not disposed to make concessions.

A new and promising lead has been found on the Tiger, a south belt property under bond to J. A. Finch.

State Senator Ide, superintendent of the R. E. Lee, says that, beginning next month, a larger force of men will be employed on that property.

Le Roi ore is beginning to move again, the recent fall of snow having made it possible for freighting to be resumed between Rossland and Trail.

Another shaft is being sunk on the Homestake at the upper end of the open cut that attracted so much attention. The shaft is down about 12 feet and is in solid ore.

An explosion of twenty sticks of dynamite occurred at the Southern Cross mineral claim Monday. When the explosion occurred two men were in the shaft, the other two were working in an open cut about eighty feet from the shaft house. The dynamite sticks were thawing by a fire near the shaft house. The explosion blew the shaft house, windlass and bucket into fragments, some of which were carried a great distance. The men escaped unhurt.

Derangements of the liver with constipation, injures the complexion, induces pimples, sallow skin. Remove the cause by using Carter's Little Liver Pills. One in a dose. Try them.

—Read Gilmore & McCandless' overcoat talk.

Experts report that it is impossible to send a telegraphic dispatch through the Hoosac tunnel, four and one-half miles from Adams, Mass. It has been tried with all kinds of wire, and with a cable such as is used under the ocean, but in vain. Telegraph wires, in consequence of the curious condition, have been carried over the surrounding mountains. A careful exploration of the tunnel has been made, but no magnetic or other ore has been found to interfere with the transmission of a message.

—Xmas gifts, wedding presents, New Year's gifts, at Weiler Bros.; the best and largest stock in the city to choose from.

Holiday Goods

B. C. Furniture Company.

Fine Bisque Figures,

Dresden, Doulton and Carlsbad Vases
and numerous lines of other Holiday Goods.

Former Prices Cut in Half.
See these Goods.

JACOB SEHL, Manager.

Be Sensible

This Christmas and buy Sensible Christmas Presents.

A Gentleman appreciates nothing more than that which while it expresses kind remembrance, at the same gives comfort and a sense of luxury.

WE HAVE at considerable expense laid in a Stock of Fine......

Suspenders, Neckwear,
Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs,
Gloves, Umbrellas, Etc.

Especially for the Christmas trade.
Before purchasing presents it would, at least, be prudent for you to see these goods. No trouble to show them, and no hard-feelings should you not buy at

Geo. R. Jackson's

75 Government Street.

CANDLE BURNING CONTEST now on.
No purchase necessary to take a chance.
Open to everybody—FREE.

A FEW OF THE

Desirable Articles for Christmas Presents

....TO BE HAD AT....

PERRY & TURNER'S

Gold Aluminum Ware — Knives, Forks, Tea Spoons, Table Spoons, Dessert Spoons, and Berry Spoons, Etc.

Silver Plated Ware — Tea Sets, Butter Dishes, Sugar Bowls, Jugs, Tea Pots, Cake Dishes, Fruit Dishes, Nut Dishes, Etc. Spoon Holders, Cream Pitchers, Syrup

Hand Decorated Steel China Ware — Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Sugar Bowls, Spoon Holders, Cream Pitchers, Syrup Jugs, Toilet Sets, Etc.

This is a beautiful ware and can never break.

Erskine, Wall & Co.

Leading Grocers.

A Slipper Ad:

YOU MAY be thinking of presenting someone with a pair of Slippers at Christmas. Will this list help you to decide.

GENTLEMANS', IN
PATENT LEATHER,
BLACK LEATHER,
TAN LEATHER,
PLUSH, different colors, embroidered.

LADIES' IN
SATIN, all colors, beautifully embroidered with steel bead work and plain.

BATH SLIPPERS, very convenient and comfortable.

HOUSE SLIPPERS, assorted colors worsted.

WOOLLEN CROCHET SLIPPERS, many beautiful colors, very cosy.

The Prices of Ladies' and Misses' Black Cloth Leggings and Children's Tan Leggings have been carved down low—from 25 to 50 per cent.

A. B. Erskine,

Corner Government & Johnson Sts.

There is a story of the late Professor Blakie standing in front of the fire at the lodge of Balliol and shouting:—"I should like to know what you Oxford fellows say of me behind my back!" After a moment's pause, Jowett replied, mildly:—"We don't mention you at all!"

Yeast—Why is it that Young Styles calls his apartments "quarters?"

Crimsonbeak—He wants to give people the impression that he does nothing by halves.

"And now," said the young country squire to his fair cousin from the city, "I have shown you everything belonging to our estate."

"Oh, George, that is not so. I heard papa say that you had a mortgage that covered nine-tenths of it."

He wrote a burning leader
On the issues of the day;
And this is what the Linotypes
Next morning made him say:
xxx fifl ??? rot-ro3t'",, **!;;00&£—M
bosh, 88845*$....$.

Blobbs—How does Wigwag's wife keep him so well under control?

Slobbs—By threatening to publish the poems he wrote her before they were married.

—Paper bags and wrapping paper; wholesale price. Johnston's, Douglas street.

—Christmas comes on Wednesday, Dec. 25. If you are liable to forget it, buy a calendar clock for $1.50 at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

PERSONAL.

M. D. Rainbow, of Seattle, is at the New England.

F. C. Cotton, M. P. P., of Vancouver, is in the city.

F. J. L. Tytler, of Mission, is a guest at the Driard.

J. K. Devlin returned from the Sound to-day by the Rosalie.

E. M. Wilson, Lakeview, Wash., is registered at the Oriental.

Schilling's minstrels came over from the Sound to-day by the Rosalie.

F. W. Miles and R. H. Abrams, of Seattle, are guests at the New England.

A. W. Cooke and G. G. Robertson, of Salt Spring Island, are guests at the Oriental.

A. Cunninghame, of Chicago, and T. Coombes, of Great Falls, the patentees of the coke ovens, which are being put in at Union, are at the Driard.

—To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

—Want!—Of course you want something for Christmas. Something useful; one of those mantel clocks in walnut or oak, eight-day, strike hours and half hours on a cathedral gong, sent home and set running and guaranteed for five years, $4, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

—Diamond rings—15 karat diamond rings; all sizes and patterns, $4, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

Whisky and Wine.

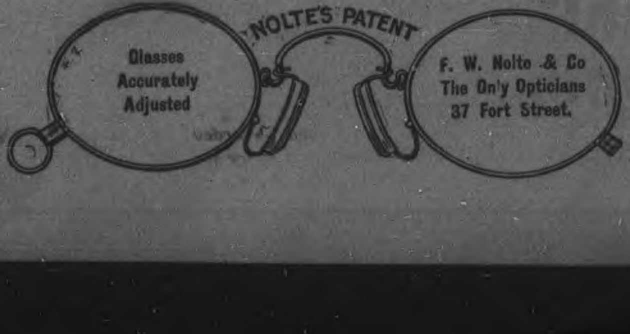
WATSON'S THREE STAR GLENLEVIT.

Is the Favorite Scotch Whisky, to be had at all First Class Refreshment Places.

PRELLER (Bordeaux), CLARETS and SAUTERNES.

A large shipment just received. The duty is less. The price is lower.

PITHER & LEISER, VICTORIA, B. C.



Open All Night.

BOWES, THE DRUGGIST,

100 Government Street. Tel. 425.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—To-morrow's Province will contain a cartoon on the political situation.

—A meeting of the board of health will be held at 10 to-morrow morning.

—See the prize puzzle in the window at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St. *

—Almost nothing—Nickel alarm clocks for 70 cents at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—George Nucci and Michael Mallett are being tried this afternoon for assaulting Nicholas Grant.

—P. S. Bartlett Waltham watches in dust-proof stem-wind cases, $10.50, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—One drunk was dealt with at this morning's session in the police court and another was arrested this afternoon.

—The sale of watches, clocks and jewelry is not postponed, but is always running at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—The telegraph wires were down to the east and south to-day, so that the telegraphic news received was of the most limited character.

—By using Hall's Hair Renewer, gray, faded, or discolored hair assumes the natural color of youth, and grows luxuriant and strong, pleasing everybody.

—A meeting of Victoria lodge No. 1, A. O. U. W., will take place on Saturday, 28th inst., at 8 p.m., at the hall, to receive dues and assessments.

—Mrs. Herbert, who was reported missing yesterday, was found last evening at St. Joseph's Hospital. She had gone there, she said, to be treated for rheumatism.

—Remember the Companions of the Forest hold their ball at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, on New Year's eve. The following ladies have the affair in charge: Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Churton.

—It is probable that Driver McNeill, who was suspended by Chief Deasy for misconduct in the fire hall, will ask for an investigation. W. Rendall, a call man, was suspended on the same charge. The chief will report the case to the council on Monday evening.

—Rev. J. Nicolaye received a telegram this morning announcing the death of the Rt. Rev. Regilius Junger, bishop of Nesqually, at Vancouver, Washington. The deceased prelate was born in Aix la Chapelle, Rhine province, Germany, and was consecrated a bishop in 1875.

—The funeral of George Cole, late of Metchosin, took place from St. Joseph's hospital at 9:30 this morning and half an hour later from the Roman Catholic cathedral. The pall bearers were: M. Baker, G. H. Schmidt, Wm. Godfrey, M. McTiernen, Jno Murray, and Thos. Steele.

—A man calling himself "Cherokee Jim," is in the city. He claims to be a relative of the man who married Mattie Crowe's daughter, and says he was sent here to settle up the dead woman's affairs. "Jim" is not taken seriously by the authorities, as he has nothing to prove his identity.

—C. P. R. Officials are not feeling uneasy for the Canadian Australian liner Miowera, which disappeared so suddenly after losing the Strathnevis. They believe that Capt. Stott got away from the snore when the hawsers parted, and when the storm passed over could not have run short of fuel.

—At the meeting of the Scandinavian society Valhalla last Thursday night, Dec 26th, the following officers were elected for the next term of six months: President, A. Henderson (re-elected); Vice-President, J. Droob; Secretary, G. Amorsen (re-elected); Treasurer, C. Greenberg (re-elected); Trustees, Capt. James Christensen, Andrew Ohlson and Louis Larsen.

—Mr. W. A. Carlyle, recently appointed government mineralogist for the province of British Columbia, arrived from the east last evening, accompanied by Mrs. Carlyle. He assumed charge of his office and immediately commenced work. Early in January he expects to commence a course of lectures. About June, when the mining season opens, Mr. Carlyle will visit the mining districts.

Templeman's Central Committee Rooms, 42 Broad Street.

—You have heard of Waltham, Elgin, Hampden and other makers of watches. You all have your opinion as to which are best. I have them all from $5, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

AT THE NORTH END.

Opposition Meeting Will Be Held This Evening in Johns Bros.' Hall.

The electors residing at the north end will have an opportunity of hearing the views of Mr. Templeman, the opposition candidate, on the issues of the present campaign at to-night's public meeting in Johns Bros.' hall. The chair will be taken at eight o'clock and there will be interesting addresses by well known speakers.

CARDWELL CAMPAIGN ECHOES.

"Voting for the McCarthyite Was Voting for the Liberals."

Col. O'Brien (Independent), at Mono Mills, said he would call Mr. Foster's attention to the "horde," "the mercenary mob" of government officials who had come into Cardwell to debauch and corrupt it. He supposed Mr. Foster did not know anything about the way whiskey swilled and poured down the throats of the people, although after being in the riding 24 hours he could not help knowing it.

Hon. George E. Foster, speaking in Cardwell on the 16th instant, is reported in the press as follows: "There are but two great parties. Voting for the McCarthy ticket was voting for the Liberals. McCarthy's platform was too narrow, and he urged his hearers to stand by the Conservative party against the policy of the Liberals."

D. Henry, chairman of a McCarthy meeting at Orangeville, said: "The other night at the ministers' meeting the picture of Sir John Macdonald had been displayed over the platform. He thought it had no right to be there. The old chieftain would have respected the rights of Manitoba and guarded them as he guarded the rights of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island when the efforts were made a few years ago to force separate schools upon them contrary to their wishes."

Mr McCarthy stated at one meeting that Dr. Montague never yet took part in an election where bribery was not resorted to. He also accused the secretary of state of having forged a document purporting to be a proclamation from the Queen to the Indians, in his (the doctor's) constituency, asking them to vote for him, and asked if he (Mr. McCarthy) could be blamed for refusing longer to associate or link his fortunes with a man who would do the like of that.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

Midnight Mass at St. Andrew's—Services in the Other Churches.

Always an event of the greatest importance to those of the Roman Catholic faith, and a feature of much interest to a great portion of the other citizens of Victoria, the usual Christmas eve midnight mass this year attracted increased interest. This is the third time the service has been held in the new church. The splendid edifice was taxed to its capacity to accommodate the immense congregation. The service was as announced in Tuesday's paper, with the exception that the musical portion exceeded in excellence all expectations. Miss McNiffe sang the opening solo in Adeste Fidelis, supported by a quartet composed of Misses Sehl and Stewart and Messrs. Shedden and Sehl. Mozart's Twelfth Mass was rendered by the full choir in a manner that reflected credit upon the singers, the conductor and the organist alike, particularly the last, Mrs. Lombard, who had a heavy task to give anything like proper effect to this grand work with such a poor organ. But she succeeded admirably under the circumstances. In the Gloria, the principal voices were Mrs. Geiger, Mr. Shedden, Mrs. Wilkes, Mr. F. Sehl, Mr. Olivier and Mr. Bullen. In the Credo, Miss Stewart, Mr. Keith and Mr Sehl, and in the Benedictus, Miss Burnes, Mrs. Wilkes and Messrs. Keith and Sehl, while Miss Stewart gave a solo in the Agnus Dei. Madam Laird and Mr. Grizzelle, with full choir accompaniment, sang a grand Ave Maria for the offertory, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. C. A. Lombard, the conductor, deserves much credit, with the entire choir for the success which attended the production. He worked indefatigably to ensure that success, and he was ably supported by all. Madam Laird's singing came in for generally favorable comment. The service was repeated Christmas morning and was even a greater success, everything going along with perfect smoothness.

At the various city churches there were the usual services yesterday morning, good congregations being the general feature at each place of worship. Appropriate sermons were preached.

—The case of Dr. J. K. Garrow and Henry Creech, charged with the murder of Mary Ellen Janes, has been remanded until Monday, the prosecution having closed their case yesterday. The magistrate will on Monday decide whether the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest shall be admitted. Two important points were brought out yesterday. Mr. C. E. Jones deposed that he had filled twenty-three prescriptions from Dr. Garrow containing nothing but ergotine. Other witnesses testified that Creech went into Dr. Garrow's house with Miss Janes.

—The following are the averages of those pupils of Cedar Hill school who made last month an average of fifty per cent. or upwards: Fifth class.—John Leeming 83.1, Archie McRae 82.6, Julia Glendenning 79.3; Mary Holmes 72, Harry Gartley 70.7, Laura Miller 62.6, Chrisie McRae, 59.3, John Grieve 55.6. Fourth class.—Mabel Miller 64, Frank Todd 61.7, Harold Russell 61, James Holmes 50. Third class.—Clara Merriman 53.3, Ethel Irwin 50. Average attendance for the month was 40.24.

Christmas Fruits.

Valencia raisins and currants just arrived from the east; cheap and thoroughly clean, at Johns Bros., 259 Douglas street.

—You want my prices on watches. I have them at $2.50, but they are not my best. I have better that are guaranteed, tested and regulated, stem-wind and set, water and dust proof, $5, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

PRESENTS! PRESENTS!

Xmas 1895 — New Year 1896

Watches, Gold, Silver and Nickel.
Fine Diamond Jewellery.
Sterling Silver Tea Services and Christmas Novelties.
Gold and Silver Headed Canes and a general assortment of the latest styles of gold and silver jewellery.
The Largest Stock, the Best Quality and the Lowest Prices.

C. E. REDFERN,
43 Government Street.

New Cooking Raisins, **5c. per lb.**

New Cleaned Currants. 3 lb for 25c.
New Sultana, Valencia and Cluster Raisins.
New Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, 20c. lb.
Best Pastry Flour, $1 per Sack; Granulated Sugar, 21 lbs for $1.
Another lot of Canned Haddies.
Shredded Codfish to make nice fish cakes for breakfast, at 10 cents per package.

Hardress Clarke, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

ARGYLE HOUSE!

XMAS. XMAS. XMAS.

Ladies' Motto Handkerchiefs, 5c. each.
Ladies' Colored Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, 5c. each.
Ladies' Lace Handkerchiefs from 15c.
Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes, from 10c. to $1.25 per box.
Ladies' Embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs from 10c. each.
Ladies' Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs from 10c. each.
Ladies' and Gents' Inital Handkerchiefs.

Gentlemen's Colored Brocaded Silk Handkerchiefs, reduced from $1.75 to $1.25
" " " " " " " $1.50 to $1.00
" " " " " " " $1.25 to $1.00
" " " " " " " $1.00 to 75c.
" " " " " " " 75c. to 60c.
" " " " " " " 60c. to 50c.
" " " " " " " 40c. to 30c.
" " " " " " " 25c. to 20c.

Gents' Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs, White and Colored.
Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves, deep fur top, $1.00 a pair.
White Table Linens from 35c. a yard.
A good assortment of Plain and Fringed Napkins.
Children's White Fur Boas, 35c. each.
A well assorted stock of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from 50c. each.
A varied assortment of Ladies' Silk Ties.
Crochet Silk, The Peerless, 25c. a spool.
Crochet Silk, The Daisy, 10c. a spool.

J. HORNER & CO.

Campbell & Co.

The Only First-Class Merchant Tailoring Establishment In Victoria

We carry nothing but Imported Goods and keep the Largest and Best Stock in British Columbia.

Corner of Broad and Trounce Ave. Opposite The Driard.

For Your Xmas Presents in the Musical Line go to Wait's
64 Government St.

For the Holidays.

A choice line of new and fashionable neckwear just received from New York; Bows, Knots, Four-in-Hands and the new De Joinville scarf. W. N. Carmichael, Gentlemen's Furnisher, Yates Street.

—A present—I am selling watches, clocks and jewelry at cost and making you a present of the profits. The reason why does not concern you; come and see the prices at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—A good gift, shaving sets (our own fitting) guaranteed satisfactory, at Fox's, 78 Government street. *

Keep the Boys Warm

There is more than one way to warm the boys, just one way to keep them warm, buy them good, warm clothing.

Boys' Overcoa only $2 each.

Heavy Grey tweed, long cape, well lined, range in size from six to ten years.

Christmas Presents Free.

All children accompanied by their parents will be presented with an interesting toy free while the supply lasts, come early and ask for a Christmas present.

Cameron, The Cash Clothier, 55 Johnson Street.

If You Want a
TURKEY OR GOOSE
Don't forget to see our stock before purchasing.
SPEED BROS.,
Cor. Fort and Douglas Sts.

If you have not made Mincemeat, try the
Queen's Mincemeat,
Made by O'KELL & MORRIS,
From the Queen's Receipt.
The Finest Mincemeat in the World.

HALF PRICE
—XMAS SALE OF CURIOS.—
JAPANESE STORE!
150 Government St., near Victoria Hotel.
GENUINE SALE.
Curios, China and Lacquer Ware.
ENTIRE STOCK
—At—
HALF PRICE.

R. J. MATTHEWS, Merchant Tailor,
101 DOUGLAS STREET,
is making a First-Class Suit to Order for $15; Good Pants to order, $3.50. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Call and inspect my goods before buying elsewhere.

Christmas Christmas Christmas

: : : Yes It Looks Like It : : :

At the Manchester House!

Have you seen the Log House, the Snow Man, the Skating Pond and the Young Folks enjoying themselves? A real Winter Scene on exhibition in the Store Window. Bring out the Little Ones and they will enjoy it.

Great Reduction in Dolls.

During this week, having received orders from consignors to close out the dolls at Cost.

WE HAVE REMARKED THEM.
COME AND SEE.
WE WILIL SURPRISE YOU.

Handkerchiefs, Handkerchiefs!

Just arrived another consignment of those beautiful goods from Japan.

Silk Handkerchiefs from 10c.

A line of hemstitch Handkerchiefs at 25c. each. A line of Houton lace trimmed Handkerchiefs at 35c. each. White Cambric Hemstitch Handkerchiefs at 50c. per doz. White Cambric hemstitch Handkerchiefs at 25c. per doz. Colored border hemstitch Handkerchiefs at 25c per doz.

A lot of fancy boxed Handkerchiefs from 15c. to $1.50 per box.

Gloves, Gloves, Gloves!

Kid Gloves, 5 hook lacing, 75c. per pair.
Kid Gloves, 7 hook lacing, 90c. per pair.
Best lacing Gloves, 7 hook or Dome fastenings, $1.15 per pair.
Fur trimmed Gloves, with patent fastenings, still at reduced price, $1.15 per pair. We are sole agents for these Gloves.

A suitable present for a lady would be a Greenland Seal Cape, a Mink Ruff for the neck, or a beautiful Rain-Coat.

Yes, we have Umbrellas, beauties, all prices, from 60c. to $12.00. These are good and useful presents.

Just arrived a line of Misses Golf Waists, which will be sold at $1.65 each.

A lot of Fancy Goods, consisting of Photo Frames, Fancy Baskets, Pin Trays, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Work Baskets, etc. These goods were late coming in, therefore, we will sell them very cheap to clear out.

Manchester House, 58 Yates St. T. Haughton & Co.

Chase & Sanborn's

Seal Brand Coffee

Universally accepted as the Leading Fine Coffee of the World.

The only Coffee served at the WORLD'S FAIR.

CHASE & SANBORN,

BOSTON. MONTREAL. CHICAGO.

REDUCE THE DEFICIT

Congressional Committee on Ways and Means Submits a Report.

They Advise a Short Term of Increased Duties on Certain Imports.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, to-day reported to the house that the tariff and bond bills had been agreed upon by the representative majority of the committee.

Accompanying the bills was a memorandum, in which it is said that the committee regard the chronic deficiency of the revenue for the past two years and a half as the most potent cause of the difficulties which the treasury has encountered, and an important factor in creating and promoting that serious distrust which has paralyzed business and dangerously shaken public confidence. Since July 1, 1893, this government has had an insufficiency of revenue to meet the current expenditures amounting in an aggregate to about $133,000,000, and the deficit is now increasing at the rate of about $3,000,000 a month; and up to the present it appears that the deficit will continue increasing during the remainder of the fiscal year.

The secretary of the treasury has issued and sold over $162,000,000 bonds. It is evident that as long as there are insufficient funds, bond sale after bond sale will be required. Those who oppose raising more revenue in such a situation, in effect, favor borrowing to paying as we go along.

Your committee believes it to be the duty of the house of representatives to frame and pass a measure that will yield about $40,000,000 more revenue, sufficient to put an end to the deficiency without delay. Two facts have led your committee to look to increased customs duties as the most appropriate source of additional revenue. First, the fact that we are raising a disproportionate amount from internal revenue, which always has been regarded as a war resort; second, by increasing the customs duties on imported articles, which can and ought to be made at home, we can incidentally encourage stricken industries and materially aid in turning in our favor the balance of the trade, which has been so heavily against us, causing a constant demand for gold for export.

Your committee has not undertaken the general revision of the tariff on protective lines, as any general tariff revision would require many months. We believe a simple measure, increasing all the dutiable list, and taking from the free list a few of the articles always on the dutiable list until August, 1894, and which have always been important revenue producers, and limiting the operations of such legislation to about two years and a half, until the present deficiency in the revenue is overcome, ought to receive the approval of even those who do not favor protective duties on patriotic grounds. An increase of 15 per cent. on existing duties on all schedules but two, will give the committee an estimate of about $15,000,000 additional revenue and $25,000,000, it is estimated will come from wool, which is taken from the free list, and from the manufactures of woollens, which are given compulsory duty equal to the duty on wool. The proposed increase is less than the duty under the McKinley act of 1890, and the committee say there is no measure of what might be done if all the branches of the government were unanimous on protective lines.

Regarding the issue of bonds, the committee says the secretary of the treasury has the right to sell high rate and long term bonds under the resumption act of 1875, but the question is whether it is not in the public interest that he should also have authority to sell lower rate short term bonds. He should always have this authority in an emergency.

Scrofula lurks in the blood of nearly every one, but Hood's Sarsaparilla drives it from the system and makes pure blood.

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor:—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp:—Mr. Edward Lambert. P. O. Box 55, Jarvis, Ont.

—Pocket knives, scissors, etc., a specialty at Shore's Hardware. *

WAR SCARE'S LESSON

U. S. Government and Legislators Brought to Appreciate Country's Defencelessness

Venezuelan Question Being Discussed—The New Tariff Bill Passes the House.

New York, Dec. 27.—A Washington, D. C., special to a local paper says: Officials of the war and navy departments concede that the events of the past week have done more towards impressing upon congress and the country the evil results of a niggardly policy toward defenses on shore and sea than all the appeals that have been made in ten years. In one week it became apparent the country would be practically at the mercy of a strong force for at least a year, and perhaps longer, before the resources of the country would yield a defence sufficient to eventually defeat an enemy. The unanimity with which bills have been presented in Congress by members of both parties for an increase of the naval establishment, the enlargement of the standing army, and provision for powerful coast defences, the purchase of millions of small arms and large ordnance for the national forces and state guards, is accepted as proof of the determination to make more liberal appropriations for those services this winter than in any similar period since the war. General Miles' statement that the fortifications cannot alone be depended upon for protection, but that a strong fleet of warships is esential to cooperate with the army, is received with the most favorable consideration by the Western members and senators who heretofore have been rather inimical to the navy, on grounds, mainly, that the history of the country showed it was competent to construct large fleets in a short time, if an emergency demanded, and until this arrived, it was poor policy to lay out millions of dollars in battle ships and cruisers, whose life at best was not more than fifteen or twenty years. These very men, now, however, since the war scare, come to the front with propositions, not only for defending every great city on both coasts, but have indicated a purpose to vote for several battle ships and a small fleet of torpedo boats before the session closes. General Miles and the heads of the staff corps of the army have compiled some valuable data which do not encourage much confidence in the ability of the government to make a successful fight against a powerful enemy. Some radical changes, they believe, must be evolved, if the standing army is not enlarged the national guard system will require more liberal provision from government, as the state troops are found to be on the whole poorly uniformed and equipped with such a lack of uniformity of arms as to make it practically impossible for them to be supplied with ammunition in the event of war. It is contended that a board must be appointed and some steps taken to have a new small arm of standard calibre issued to the national guard troops. But what experts regard as necessary for the country's protection are powerful fortifications at the principal sea coast cities.

Advantage will be taken this session of the war scare to also provide more battle ships and torpedo boats for the navy. The navy bureau of ordnance to-day concluded large contracts for supplying the navy with projectiles. Contracts aggregating $800,000 have been awarded within the past week. The entire contracts will call for 500 13-inch armor piercing projectiles; 500 13-inch semi-armor-piercing projectiles, and 1800 8-inch piercing projectiles. These shells are needed for the new battle ships. Authorities declare that these orders have nothing whatever to do with the Venezuelan question. They are desirous, however, of being prepared for emergencies, and desire to have a supply of projectiles on hand. It is the intention of manufacturers to put on an extra force and turn shells out as quickly as possible. There is no appropriation available for paying for the projectiles, but the authorities are confident that congress will not fail to make good the amount the contracts call for.

The house to-day responded to the appeal of the President by passing a tariff bill, the operation of which is limited to two and a half years, and which is designed to raise $40,000,000 for the relief of the treasury.

Among Secretary Olney's callers to-day was Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador, accompanied by Mr. Sanderson, a British consul general at New York, a brother to Sir Th. Sanderson, who drew the "Sanderson line" in the British Guiana boundary dispute, and addressed the two notes of Dr. Pulido and Dr. Urbanician of Venezuela, which are claimed by the Venezuelans to have emanated from Lord Salisbury. It is stated officially the call was of a social nature, but frequently important business is transacted on diplomatic reception day. A strong impression prevails, as a result of the visit to-day, that Secretary Olney has officially notified the British representative of the enactment of the law for the creation of the Venezuelan boundary commission.

The facts in regard to Russia's offer in 1890 to supply this government with gold with which to meet the emergency existing at the time are gradually coming to light. It can now be stated on unquestionable authority that during the panic of three years ago, which resulted in heavy withdrawals of gold for export, the Czar of Russia, through his minister, Prince Catacuzene, formally tendered to this government a loan of $60,000,000 for the term of three years. It was regarded as simply a generous offer of a nation on particularly friendly terms with America, and was not coupled with any hard conditions. Mr. Cleveland, after due deliberation, very courteously declined the offer. He recognized the unselfish generosity of the offer and the very friendly feeling that prompted it, but was unwilling to accept, fearing that at some future time it might result in entanglements with other European nations. The offer has not since been repeated. In the event of another bond issue, however, it possibly may result in the loan being placed with Russian capitalists.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The leading topic in political circles and the customs department was the remodelled United States tariff. Retaliation is loudly called for, and it is possible that Canada's custom tariff will be raised with a direct aim at the States.

Mr. Wood, in speaking to-day as controller of customs, said that matter had not yet come before the cabinet, but hinted that Hon. Mr. Foster was busy at work on some retaliatory amendments.

None But Ayer's at the World's Fair.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extra ordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago. Manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the list of nostrums. It is here on its merits."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

—Men's Mackintosh coats $12. Gilmore & McCandless. *

—An appropriate Xmas present, carving sets and table cutlery (Sheffield make) at Fox's, 78 Government street. *

The Great Muscle-Former

The nutritious elements of Beef that make muscle, sinew, and give strength, are supplied by

Johnston's Fluid Beef.

Largely used by Athletes when training.

American News.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 27.—The Osage, Gasconado and Moreau river floods are receding. The entire Osage valley for 400 miles is a scene of desolation and ruin, great suffering necessarily resulting to hundreds of families, who have lost everything. It is thought that the loss by flood will reach $2,000,000.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—The Arkansas river here, and at all points heard from is still rising. From all parts of the state come reports of damage by high water. The rivers are approaching very near the disastrous stage of 1892. Houses are being carried away by the raging torrent, but so far no casualties are reported. The river is still at the danger point of 23 feet, and five feet from the highest water mark of May, 1892.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—To the farmers who live along the banks of the Osage river in Central Missouri, Christmas brought only woe and gloom. The unprecedented rise in the river, of 35 feet in three days, spread all over this section and many farmers have lost everything. Some had corn in shocks, others in cribs. The flood has taken all that lay on low lands. Not only have many farmers lost crops but stock and buildings as well. At the Bagenelle end of the Lebanon branch of the Missouri Pacific, the river is three miles wide, and no trains have been able to get within a mile and a half of the town for four days. At Tuscumbia county seat, Miller, a terrible condition exists, nearly the entire town is under water, and only the roof of many buildings, the postoffice among the number, can be seen. Large flouring mills, the printing office of the local paper, and several small stores, residences, are entirely submerged. Twenty cars of railroad ties standing on side tracks at Bagenelle are also submerged and thousands of ties are floating. The loss of property in this immediate section is estimated at $1,000,000. The river is higher even than during the famous flood of 1844. The suffering of people whose lands and property have been devastated, will undoubtedly be terrible this winter.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Joseph Cook, lecturer and litterateur, has arrived here from the Orient on the S. S. China, broken in health and almost an invalid. Overwork has produced nervous prostration. Absolute rest can alone restore him.

—When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Terr., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future. 75 cent bottles for sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver. *

—S. A. Stoddart begs to inform his customers that he is not giving up business, although he is still selling eight-day striking clocks for $4 at 68 Yates street. *

Appropriate Xmas Gifts

JUST ARRIVED:

Kid Gloves,
Handkerchiefs,
Umbrellas,
Furs, Capes
Feather Ruffs,
and Waterproofs.

LANSDOWNE HOUSE,

John Partridge, Prop.

LEGAL NOTICES.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the matter of the Companies Act 1862, and in the matter of the Victoria Jockey Club, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the winding up of the above company by the Supreme Court of British Columbia was on the 23rd. day of December, A. D., 1895, presented to the Honorable the Supreme Court of British Columbia by Robert Beaven and James Stuart Yates as trustees of the estate of Green, Worlock & Company, who are creditors of the said company and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake on the 7th day of January, 1896, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that in the event of an order being made for the winding up of the said company, that application will be made for the appointment of George Shedden, of the city of Victoria, accountant, as liquidator, and any creditor or contributor desirous to oppose the making of an order for the winding up of the said company under this act, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or by his counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributor of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for same.

Dated this 23rd. day of December, A. D., 1895.

BODWELL & IRVING,
No. 2 Broughton street, Victoria, B. C.
Solicitors for Petitioners.

Land Registry Act.

Part (30 acres) of Section 14, Range VI., East, and of Section 14, Range 5, East, South Saanich District.

Whereas the Certificate of Title of Richard James Smith to the above hereditaments, bearing date the 26th June, 1891, has been lost and application has been made for a duplicate of such certificate.

Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.
Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

TRANSPORTATION.

O. R. & N. Steamship Line

CHINA AND JAPAN.

SS. "MOUNT LEBANON," capacity about 4,000 tons, due about 5th Dec., will proceed to Honolulu.

S.S. "RHOSINA," 3800 tons dead weight, due at Victoria about 23rd December, for Honolulu via Portland.

PUGET SOUND & CENTRAL AMERICA SS. CO'Y.

The S.S. TRANSIT, Capt. Berg, will leave Seattle on 12th December, for Central American ports.

For particulars apply to F. C. DAVIDGE & CO., Commission Merchants and Shipping Agents, Importers of Japanese Rice, Silk and General Merchandise, Board of Trade Building.

FOR Puget Sound Points.

CUT RATES!!

—ONLY—

75c. to Port Townsend.
$1.25 to - - Seattle.
$1.75 to - - Tacoma.

ON THE FINE STEAMER.

"City of Kingston"

Leaving here daily, except Monday, at 8:30 p. m.

E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent.

CUT RATES

—TO—

PUGET · SOUND

S.S. "ROSALIE."

Daily Except Sunday
At 9 a.m.

To Seattle $1.00
To Tacoma $1.50

For tickets and information call on

J. K. DEVLIN, Agent
75 Government street.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

When you go East take the

Popular and Scenic Route

Across the Continent.

RATES CHEAPER THAN VIA ANY OTHER ROUTE.

Through Sleeper and Upholstered Tourist Cars in charge of competent porters running through without change to

To . . .

TORONTO, : :
MONTREAL, : :
BOSTON, : : :
MINNEAPOLIS,
ST. PAUL: : :

AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

For rates and all information apply to—
GEO. L. COURTNEY,
GEO. McL. BROWN, Gen'l. Agent,
D. P. A., Victoria.
Vancouver.

General Steamship Agency.

THROUGH TICKETS
To and from All European Points

FROM HALIFAX.

Dominion Line, Labrador . . . . . Jan. 18
Dominion Line, Scotsman . . . . . Feb. 1
Allan Line, Numidian . . . . . Jan. 11
Allan Line, Laurentian . . . . . Jan. 25

FROM ST. JOHN, N. B.

Beaver Line, Lake Huron, ... Jan. 8
Beaver Line, Superior . . . . . Jan. 22

FROM NEW YORK.

Cunard Line, Umbria . . . . . Dec. 28
American Line, New York . . . . . Dec. 25
White Star Line, Britannic . . . . . Jan. 8
White Star Line, Majestic . . . . . Jan. 15
Red Star Line, Friesland . . . . . Dec. 25
Anchor Line, Ethiopia . . . . . Jan. 11
Anchor Line, Furnessia . . . . . Jan. 25
Nor. German Lloyd, Ems . . . . . Jan. 14
Nor. German Lloyd, Aller . . . . . Jan. 21
Allan State Line, Pomeranian . . . . Jan. 16
Allan State Line, Sarmatian . . . . Jan. 30

Saloon fares from $40.00 to $90.00, according to steamer and location of berth. Second Cabin, $25.00 to $40.00. Steerage $24.50 to $27.00. Passengers purchasing through tickets save from $5 to $10 on each fare. Parties wishing to send for their friends can save $10.00 by purchasing through tickets here.

For sailing list, steamer accommodation, and all information, apply to

GEO. L. COURTNEY,
Agent, Victoria.
Cor. Fort and Government Streets.

TRANSPORTATION.

CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO.,

(LIMITED.)

TIME TABLE NO. 27,

Taking effect June 21st, 1895.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.

Victoria to Vancouver daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C. P. R. No. 1 train

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Laner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 23 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. (Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going east Monday).

For Plumper Pass Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands Friday at 7 o'clock.

Leave New Westminster for Victoria, Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender Island and Moresby Island Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this Co. will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver the first and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock p.m. When sufficient inducements offer will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Maude leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports on the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month.

The company reserves the right of changing this time table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING,
G. A. CARLETON, Manager.
General Agent.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 25.

To Take Effect at 8:00 a. m. on Monday, October 28th, 1895.

Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat'dy
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington..	A. M. 8.00	P. M. 3 25
Ar. Nanaimo	11.40	6.38
Ar. Wellington	12.00	6 55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'dy
	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8.20	3 30
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8 40	3 45
Ar. Victoria	12.20	7 00

For rates and information apply at the Company's offices.

A. DUNSMUIR, President. JOSEPH HUNTER, Gen. Supt.

H. K. PRIOR, Gen. Freight and Passenger Agent.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY.

Str. JOAN,

L. P. LOCKE, Master.

Sails as follows, calling at way ports as freight and passengers may offer.

Lv Victoria . . . . . Tuesday, 7 a.m.
Lv. Nanaimo for Comox, Wednesday, 7 a.m.
Lv. Comox for Nanaimo . . Friday, 7 a.m.
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria, Saturday 7 a.m.

For freight or staterooms apply on board, or at the Company's ticket office, Victoria station, Store Street. ap25

BELLINGHAM BAY S. & T. CO'Y., Victoria-Whatcom Route.

Str. ISLAND BELLE

Leaves Whatcom on Wednesdays, calling at Roche Harbor, Friday Harbor, West Sound and East Sound, connecting at Sidney with the V. & S. R. R. afternoon train for Victoria.

Returning leaves Sidney on Thursdays, calling at way ports and making close connections with the Great Northern and C. P. R trains, north and south, and with steamboats for up-sound.

For freight and passenger rates apply to JOS. KILDALL, General Manager, or to T. W. PATERSON, Whatcom. General Manager V. & S. R. R. Victoria. nov23-tf

The Oceanic Steamship Company

Carrying United States, Hawaiian and Colonial Mails, will leave the Company's wharf, foot of Folsom St., San Francisco.

For Honolulu, Auckland & Sydney without change

The Splendid New Steel Screw Steamer Alameda, Thursday, Jan. 9th, at 2 p.m.

Or immediately on arrival of the English Mails.

FOR HONOLULU ONLY

S. S. AUSTRALIA (3,000 tons) Tuesday, Jany. 21st, 1896, at 10 a.m.

For passage apply to 114 Montgomery st. For freight apply to 327 Market street.

J. D. SPRECKELS & BROS. CO., General Agents.
R. P. RITHET & CO., Agents, Victoria.

Victoria & Sidney R'y

Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney daily as follows:

Leave Victoria at 7 a.m., 4 p.m.
Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

Leave Victoria at 7 a.m., 2 p.m.
Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

STEAMER MARY HARE.

Running in connection with the Victoria & Sidney Railway, will sail, weather permitting and business offering, as follows:

MONDAYS—Leave Sidney on arrival of morning train, for Cowichan, Maple Bay, Vesuvius Bay and way ports. Returning, connects with evening train for Victoria.

TUESDAYS—Leaves Sidney on arrival of morning train, for Ganges Harbor and way ports. Returning, connects with evening train for Victoria.

WEDNESDAYS—Same as Monday.

THURSDAYS.—Leaves Sidney on arrival of morning train, for Nanaimo via Ganges Harbor and way ports.

FRIDAYS—Leaves Nanaimo at 7.00 a.m. for Sidney and way ports, connecting with evening train for Victoria.

For further particulars apply to the Captain on board, or to Victoria and Sidney Railway agents.

T. W. PATERSON, Manager.

TRANSPORTATION.

GOING TO CHICAGO OR ANYWHERE EAST?

If you are, see that your ticket from Minneapolis, St. Paul or Duluth reads via

"THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE"

(C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.)

Three (3) First Class Trains Leave Minneapolis and St. Paul for Chicago on arrival of trains from Victoria as follows:

Leave Minneapolis 7:30 a.m.; St. Paul 8:10 a.m.

Daily. Badger State Express. Has Parlor Car to Chicago. Arrive Milwaukee 8 p.m.; Chicago, 9:45 p.m.

Leave Minneapolis 6:00 p.m.; St. Paul 7:35 a.m.

Except Sunday. Atlantic & Southern Express has Wagner Buffet Sleeper and FREE Chair Car to Chicago. Arrive Chicago 8:00 a.m.

Leave Minneapolis 7:30 p.m.; St. Paul 8:10 a.m.

Daily. Famous North-Western Limited. Has Pullman and Wagner Private Compartment and 16 section Sleepers and Buffet Smoking Library Coaches to Chicago. Sleeper to Milwaukee. Breakfast in Dining car before reaching Chicago. Arrive Milwaukee 7:50 a.m.; Chicago 9:30 a.m.

For Illustrated Folder Free descriptive of Splendid Train Service via this line, to Sioux City, Omaha, Kansas City, Duluth, Ashland, as well as to Milwaukee and Chicago. Call on your Home Agent or Address

T. W. TEASDALE, General passenger agent, St. Paul.
W. H. MEAD, General Agent, 248 Washington St., Portland, Ore.
F. W. PARKER, Puget Sound Agent, 601 Front St., Seattle, Wash.

Spokane Falls & Northern Ry.

NELSON & FORT SHEPPARD RY.

ALL RAIL TO NELSON, B. C

The only through line to Nelson, Kaslo, Kootenay Lake and Slocan Points.

THROUGH TRAINS SEMI-WEEKLY.

Daily except Sunday, between Spokane and Marcus.

7.00 a.m. Lv. . . SPOKANE . . . Ar 5.30 p.m.

Commencing January 8th, on Wednesdays and Saturdays trains will run through, arriving at Nelson at 5.40 p.m., making close connection with the steamer Nelson for Kaslo and all lake points, arriving at Kaslo at 9.00 p.m. same days. Returning passengers will leave lake points and Nelson on Tuesdays and Fridays, arriving at Spokane at 5.30 p.m. same days.

GREAT NORTHERN

Shortest and Quickest Line

—TO—

KOOTENAY COUNTRY.

St. Paul, Minneapolis,
Duluth, Chicago,
New York, Boston,
And all U. S. Points;

Toronto, Hamilton,
Montreal, Quebec,
And All Eastern Canadian Points.

Daylight run over the Cascade and Rocky Mountains—the Grandest Scenery in America. Superb Buffet and Elegant Dining, Palace Sleeping and Cosy Tourist Cars. A delightful ride, free from heat and dust in seasons.

For tickets, etc., see
B. MARTIN, Gen. Agent.
75 Government Street

A. F. BURLEIGH, - - RECEIVER.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

—RUNS—

Pullman Sleeping Cars,
Elegant Dining Cars,
Tourist Sleeping Cars,

To St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Fargo, Grand Forks Cookston, Winnipeg, Helena and Butte

THROUGH TICKETS

To Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and All Points East and South.

TIME SCHEDULE.

SPEED	Victoria Route.		TONNAGE
18 knots	S.S. "CITY OF KINGSTON."		1147
8 30 pm	Lv	M	Victoria	110	Ar	4 30 pm
11 45 pm	Lv	38	Pt. Townsend	72	Lv	1 30 pm
3 00 am	Lv	82	Seattle	28	Lv	10 15 am
4 45 am	Ar	110	Tacoma	Mi	Lv	8 00 am

Steamer City of Kingston makes connection at Tacoma with Northern Pacific trains to and from points east and south.

*Daily except Monday

E. E. BLACKWOOD,
Freight and Passenger Agt., Victoria, B.C.
A. D. CHARLTON,
Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., 225 Morrison St., Portland, Or.

PACIFIC COAST S. S. CO'Y,

Dispatch a steamer

Every 5 days for San Francisco

Carrying Her Majesty's Mails

FROM OUTER WHARF AT 8 P M,

CITY OF PUEBLA - - DEC. 29

R. P RITHET & CO., Agents.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

CURE

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

SICK

Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

ACHE

is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

A Detective Story

No doubt they are clever fellows, these detectives, but WE DEFY the best of them to find a PIECE OF SHODDY in any of the OLD COUNTRY BOOTS we sell.
SOLID LEATHER THROUGHOUT.

The Old Country Boot Store,

91 Johnson st, between Broad and Douglas streets.

Wonders Cease

When you find a strictly first-class Piano in stock in B. C. We have them. We have also the world renowned Mason & Hamlin Organs. Also the Doherty Organs, the Wilcox & White Organs. We have the original Gerhard Heintzman Piano, the Canadians' Favorite. Call and see our stock.

T. W. FLETCHER,
88 Government Street, Victoria.

TO MERCHANTS AND OTHERS.

WHEN IN NEED OF

Job Printing,
Paper Ruling,
Edition and Blank
Book Work,

DROP ME A CARD.

My estimates will convince you that in these lines my prices are the lowest in the city.

PHIL. R. SMITH,
Printer, Bookbinder and Manufacturing Stationer, 32 Langley Street.

WHOLE MEAL BREAD

LIGHT AND NUTRITIOUS—EASILY DIGESTED—PURE AND WHOLESOME. 5 cents a loaf. On sale at

M R SMITH & CO.,
BAKER, FORT STREET.
Try it once and you will want it again.

FLECTION CARDS.

The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of Victoria:

As many friends have been kind enough to express a wish that I become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city, I have decided to place myself in your hands, respectfully asking your influence and support.

I shall take an opportunity to express my views upon civic affairs at public meetings.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

December 26, 1895. 4t

The Mayoralty

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Having been solicited by many Ratepayers to again offer myself for re-election at the next annual election for Mayor, I have much pleasure in acceding to their request, and beg to announce myself as a candidate for the ensuing year.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

de21-fd JOHN TEAGUE.

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION OF FURNITURE

DALLAS ROAD.

POSTONED.

H. CUTHBERT, - Auctioneer.

Notice.

Belleville Street, between McClure Street and Birdcage Walk is closed to Public Traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele Prospector.

It is rumored that R. L. T. Galbraith has sold his interest in the Moyea group of mines to a Montreal syndicate for a good figure.

Mr. James Brady, of the Thunder Hill Mining Company, accompanied by an expert, is at present engaged in examining the property as to future operations.

The North Star commenced to haul ore last Monday; they have about 1,200 tons on the dump, which will be hauled the Kootenay river, ready for shipment in the spring.

It is reported that a number of settlers from Nebraska and Texas have taken up land at Tobacco Plains. They will bring in their families next spring, and will put in a large ditch for the purpose of irrigation. There is room for all that come in our valley.

The Nip and Tuck placer claim on Wild Horse creek, lately purchased by Mr. Foster for $4,500, has been leased to an American syndicate for ten years. The consideration is $1,500 per annum. The above investment shows the value of mining property in this district.

The Gold Hill property, an immense body of minerral, was discovered in July last by H. L. Amme and Chas. Elwood. The property is located on Boulder creek, a tributary of Wild Horse creek. The ledge is a gold-bearing quartz about 100 feet in width, and is exposed the entire length of the claim; in fact the ledge is exposed on three sides, and rises up the mountain by a series of layers, or steps some 12 to 20 feet in height. The ledge prospects well in gold, and some 3,000 square feet of the ledge has been sampled, and the assays show that it will average $3.20 to the ton. And there is a strip of some 40 feet in the centre of the ledge that assays as high as $8 to the ton, and it is hard work to find a piece of quartz on this lead that does not contain gold.

Mr. Derosier, from Tobacco Plains, reports that the wagon road is completed to the Plains. The men from Fort Steele cut and cleared some 22 miles, making a good thirteen foot road as far as Elk river. The contingent from the Plains put in a bridge 165 feet in length at Elk river, also cut and cleared twenty miles of road to the Plains. And now we have direct communication with Montana.

The Big Three mines are situated on the east fork of Wild Horse creek some

The Big Three mines are situated on the east for of Wild Horse creek, some two miles from the forks. The Sweepstakes, located by Charles Elwood; Maud S. by H. L. Amme, and the Nancy claims have the largest vein of mineral discovered in this district. The vein is 400 feet in width, and can be traced for a distance of 4000 feet.

The amendment to the assessment act which was passed last session, and is now being enforced, is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction among the miners and prospectors of this section of the province. Surely the government could find some other means of raising the revenue, without unduly hampering the efforts of those men to whom we must look to for the development of our mineral resources.

We understand that Captain Armstrong is building a large steamboat at Libby, Montana. It will run between Jennings and Fort Steele. There will be three, and possibly four, steamboats plying on the upper Kootenay next summer. This is an indication of future prosperity to Fort Steele. With the navigation improved, so that at least eight months of navigation can be assured, and four steamboats on the river, mine owners can take out a large amount of ore and feel sure of finding a market and means of transportation.

There is another property on which there is considerable work being done this winter, and of which very little notice has been taken. It consists of two claims, the name of one being the Wynnstay, situate in the Rockies on the east side of the valley, about three miles north from where Elk river leaves the mountains and about one mile from the proposed railway line. It is a well defined ledge from three to five feet in width, containing malachite, chalcocite and ropper pyrites, with iron oxides and carbonates on both walls; an average assay gives $4 in gold, 8 ounces in silver and 37 per cent. copper. There are three men employed in extracting ore and they expect to have about 250 tons ready for shipment in the spring. It is thought that it will be worth at least $80 per ton.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A Number of Christmas Tree Entertainments Held Last Evening.

Santa Claus has not yet left Victoria, as he will be at Knox church, Spring Ridge, this evening, where the Orphans' Home Christmas tree is to be held and also at Semple's hall, Victoria West, where the Victoria West Methodist Sunday school will hold their Christmas tree treat. Last night Santa Clau attended the Christmas tree entertainment of the St. Paul's Sunday school, held in Semple's hall. Santa Claus was very generous and perfectly fair, giving every child a nice present. Afterwards the children delighted those present with an entertainment of recitations and songs. Santa Claus must have flown from Victoria West, because he got to Spring Ridge in time to give the children of the Methodist mission at Spring Ridge their presents. All the little boys and girls here received something from the tree. A well arranged programme was presented. At the Centennial Methodist church, too, Santa Clause made his appearance and distributed presents to all the Sunday school children from the prettily decorated tree. Before the presents were distributed the Sunday school under the leadership of Mr. Spice, gave the beautiful cantata "Night of the Glory," or "The Birth of Christ."

"The Common People",

As Abraham Lincoln called them, do not care to argue about their ailments. What they want is a medicine that will cure them. The simple, honest statement, "I know that Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me," is the best argument in favor of this medicine and this is what many thousands voluntarily say.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best after-dinner pills, assist digestion, cure headache. 25c.

—The sweet little "Nellie Bly" lamps are sure to sell quickly; they are pretty cheap and good. Weiler Bros.

A SMALL GATHERING

R. P. Rithet and Others Address a Very Small Audience at Spring Ridge.

Col. Prior Says He Will Support the Government on the Manitoba Question.

Besides the members of the Conservative Association who accompanied Col. Prior, about twenty electors attended last night's meeting in the Oddfellow's Hall, Spring Ridge. Mr. J. P. Burgess was voted to the chair, and he at once asked Col. Prior to address the meeting.

Col Prior thanked the few who were present for their attendance. He supposed that there would be more fun at the Liberal meeting at the theatre, and that the majority of the electors had gone there. He assured them that he did not want to be elected under false pretences, and would refer to certain statements in the Times. It was untrue to say that he was afraid of discussion. True on their advertisements of meeting the opposition invited him to attend their meetings, but he had arranged for meetings every night until election day. Regarding the engagement of Fairall's hall for two weeks, he knew nothing about it until he saw the report in the Times, and if it was as reported he would take good care that the matter was attended to. He reiterated that he was a cabinet minister because the premier told him so. He also read some new telegrams from another member of the cabinet—a particular friend of the Colonel's—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. Sir Charles says:

Ottawa, Dec. 26.

"Hon. E. G. Prior, Victoria.

"His Excellency informed me last night that he had signed a minute of council approving of your appointment as a member of the Cabinet and Privy Council.

"CHAS. HIBBERT TUPPER."

There was also a brand new telegram from Sir Mackenzie Bowell. He thought the opposition was opposing out of pure cussedness and they endeavored to make the Manitoba school question the main cry of the contest. He read lengthy extracts from several volumes to justify the course of the Dominion government, and he thought it would be a gross miscarriage of justice if the Dominion government did not act on the finding of the privy council and grant what the minority demanded. He also read extracts from the famous remedial order to show what he called the pleasant, courteous language which the Dominion government used in the order. The privy council had given its opinion, and the Dominion government must abide by it. They might as well trample on the Magna Charta or repeal the habeas corpus act as to disregard the constitution in the matter of Manitoba schools. If the government were to be swayed by such a cry as "Hands of Quebec!" "Don't coerce Quebec!" what would the Protestants say? He quoted from Lord Watson that the right of the provinces in education is" not supreme There are many good provisions in the Manitoba school act, such as that all schools shall have the same standard of excellence, and that the teachers must be examined by the proper examiners. Although the Catholics of Manitoba deny that the education given the children in separate schools was inadequate, still most people believed such to be the case. Until the bill is brought down it is manifestly unfair for anyone to object to it. One thing the electors can rely upon is that the government will not bring down a bill to force separate schools on Manitoba.

Mr. E. A. Lewis was the next speaker. He had no idea he was going to be called upon to speak, although he came up to the platform with his hands full of books and notes. He dwelt on the immense advantage of a B. C. cabinet minister at Ottawa would be to the province. Mr. Lewis had been studying the Manitoba school question. He informed the people that he was not a constitutional lawyer, but still he was going to tackle the question. He also referred to the trade question and maintained that the people were prosperous, happy and contented because of the national policy.

Mr. E. Crow Baker said he would do all in his power to return Col. Prior, as a cabinet minister was what Victorians were asking for since the province entered confederation.

Thomas Earle, M. P., approved of and endorsed the statements made by Col. Prior on the Manitoba school question, also the course of the Dominion government in the matter. He thought it would be more in the interests of the opposition in the future if they had allowed this bye-election to pass without a contest. He stated that Col. Prior was a hard worker in the house. Notwithstanding what the opposition said about Col. Prior's only qualifications being to sing a good song and be popular with the ladies in many ways—he knew Col. Prior could hold his own with any of them in that respect. Notwithstanding all this Col. Prior will prove himself a capable cabinet minister.

R. P. Rithet, M. P. P., did not expect to be called upon this evening. He was pleased at the reception accorded to Col. Prior, who had made a very fair statement of the Manitoba school question. He thought the Dominion government had taken a manly stand in this matter. The province had demanded representation in the cabinet since early days, and the offer now made by the premier should be appreciated. It is important that British Columbia should be represented in the cabinet. Great development was sure to come in the near future and a cabinet minister could do much in looking after the interests of the province.

H. Cuthbert referred to the Manitoba school question and the trade policy. He also thought Mr. Prior could do much in favor of the British Pacific as a member of the cabinet.

Mr. Haughton always supported the Conservative government, but this election it was a puzzle to him which way to vote. He belonged to a denomination that believed in religious freedom and non-sectarian schools. He thoroughly disapproved of coercion, and if the opposition had a policy on the Manitoba school question acceptable to him he would vote for Mr. Templeman. True Mr. Templeman was opposed to coercion from any party, but Mr. Haughton thought he would vote for Col. Prior, and if at the session the Conservatives would introduce legislation to coerce Manitoba he would oppose that party in the future. He also stated that he had faith in Mr Rithet and the British Pacific and that Col. Prior as a cabinet minister could do much in promoting the scheme.

H. Dallas Helmcken introduced a resolution pledging the meeting to support Mr. Prior. The motion was seconded by W. Snider. Besides those members of the Conservative association present, about ten voted for the resolution, the majority refraining from voting either way. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

HONEST HELP.

Thousands of men are suffering because they lack the courage to make known their early errors and to endeavor to remedy them. Nervous weakness, loss of manhood and the many ills due to early indiscretions, excesses or overwork can be quickly, successfully and permanently cured, if you will only let the right people know what ails you. Write to me in confidence and I will tell you, free of charge, how to get cured. I have nothing to sell, but am desirous of honestly helping you. Perfect secrecy assured. Describe your case and address with stamp:—L. A. Edwards, P. O. Box 55, Jarvis, Ont.

To an Arizona man who was booming that territory's climate as a claim to statehood, Speaker Reed said:—"Tut, tut, man! I have been to Fort Yuma and I know your climate. When a bad man dies down there he does not notice the transition."

There are many forms of nervous debility in men that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc., should try them.

—Pocket knives, scissors, etc., a specialty at Shore's Hardware.

—Always ask for Okell & Morris' jams and jellies.

In presenting the claims of his city for the Republican national convention the Mayor of St. Louis pronounced it St. Lewis. This may be considered official, and those who are wont to indulge in the French pronunciation will please note.

thinness

The diseases of thinness are scrofula in children, consumption in grown people, poverty of blood in either. They thrive on leanness. Fat is the best means of overcoming them. Everybody knows cod-liver oil makes the healthiest fat.

In Scott's Emulsion of cod-liver oil the taste is hidden, the oil is digested, it is ready to make fat.

When you ask for Scott's Emulsion and your druggist gives you a package in a salmon-colored wrapper with the picture of the man and fish on it—you can trust that man!

50 cents and $1.00

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Belleville, Ont.

Victoria Wire Works

All kinds of Fancy Wire Work, Flower Stands from $1 up. Hanging Baskets, 25 cents and upwards. Fire Guards made to order. Lamp Shades all sizes. Parrot Cages Floral and Cemetery Designs. Plumbing and Tinning. All orders promptly attended to.

MARKET & MARTIN,
71 1-2 Fort Street.

UNDERTAKERS.

CHAS. HAYWARD
(Established 1867.)

Funeral Director and Embalmer
Government Street, Victoria.

12 oz. Cans 25c.

WHITE STAR BAKING POWDER

Diplomas Awarded 1895

Best in the World.

Mysteries of the HUMAN BRAIN!

The latest discovery in the scientific world is that nerve centres located in or near the base of the brain control all the organs of the body, and when these nerve centres are deranged the organs which they supply with nerve fluid, or nerve force, are also deranged. When it is remembered that a serious injury to the spinal cord will cause paralysis of the body below the injured point, because the nerve force is prevented by the injury from reaching the paralyzed portion, it will be understood how the derangement of the nerve centres will cause the derangement of the various organs which they supply with nerve force; that is, when a nerve centre is deranged or in any way diseased it is impossible for it to supply the same quantity of nerve force as when in a healthful condition; hence the organs which depend upon it for nerve force suffer, and are unable to properly perform their work, and as a result disease makes its appearance.

At least two-thirds of our chronic diseases and ailments are due to the imperfect action of the nerve centres at the base of the brain, and not from a derangement primarily originating in the organ itself. The great mistake of physicians in treating these diseases is that they treat the organs and not the nerve centres, which are the cause of the trouble.

The wonderful cures wrought by the Great South American Nervine Tonic are due alone to the fact that this remedy is based upon the foregoing principle. It cures by rebuilding and strengthening the nerve centres, and thereby increasing the supply of nerve force or nervous energy.

This remedy has been found of infinite value for the cure of Nervousness, Nervous Prostration, Nervous Paroxysms, Sleeplessness, Forgetfulness, Mental Despondency, Nervousness of Females, Hot Flashes, Sick Headache, Heart Disease. The first bottle will convince anyone that a cure is certain.

South American Nervine is without doubt the greatest remedy ever discovered for the cure of Indigestion, Dyspepsia, and all Chronic Stomach Troubles, because it acts through the nerves. It gives relief in one day, and absolutely effects a permanent cure in every instance. Do not allow your prejudices, or the prejudices of others, to keep you from using this health-giving remedy. It is based on the result of years of scientific research and study. A single bottle will convince the most incredulous.

FOR SALE BY

Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

FINANCIAL.

The British Columbia Corporation,
LIMITED.
TEMPLE BUILDING, FORT ST., VICTORIA.

Immediate advances on all kinds of security at low rates of interest. Rents Collected, Estates Managed.

ROBERT WARD & CO., Ltd., Agents.

JUST ISSUED.

BROWNLEE & BRADY'S HANDBOOK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING LAWS FOR MINERS, PROSPECTORS AND INVESTORS.

GIVES FULL INFORMATION ABOUT ACQUIRING MINERAL CLAIMS (OTHER THAN COAL) IN B. C. PRICE 25 Cts., FROM J. H. BROWNLEE, BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING, VICTORIA, B. C.

PATENTS
CAVEATS, TRADE MARKS
COPYRIGHTS.

CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? For a prompt answer and an honest opinion, write to MUNN & CO., who have had nearly fifty years' experience in the patent business. Communications strictly confidential. A Handbook of Information concerning Patents and how to obtain them sent free. Also a catalogue of mechanical and scientific books sent free.

Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice in the Scientific American, and thus are brought widely before the public without cost to the inventor. This splendid paper, issued weekly, elegantly illustrated, has by far the largest circulation of any scientific work in the world. $3 a year. Sample copies sent free.

Building Edition, monthly, $2.50 a year. Single copies, 25 cents. Every number contains beautiful plates, in colors, and photographs of new houses, with plans, enabling builders to show the latest designs and secure contracts. Address

MUNN & CO., NEW YORK, 361 BROADWAY.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against dealing in any way with the tug gelding "Snohomish Boy," now supposed to be in the hands of Frank Adams.

TAM ELWELL.

Victoria, Dec. 10th, 1895. de10-1w

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

COMMUNICATIONS

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

To the Editor: There is one aspect of the school question that has not received the attention it deserves.

Primarily, the Dominion of Canada is a British possession, but in Quebec, or lower Canada, the population is largely French. They have their own schools, their own language and religion, their own manner and customs. They do not and they will not coalesce with the British; they live and keep aloof from their compatriots and avoid as far as practicable business relations with them. Any person who has lived in Montreal will bear me out in saying that this state of affairs is the greatest drawback to the progress of that city, and is perpetuated and is the direct result and inevitable sequence of their sectarian school institution. The rising generations are molded into these antagonistic grooves, tanght by precept and practice to distrust each other and so split up all possibility of an united nation. There are no friendships so strong, no antipathies so deeply rooted, as those formed and inculcated in schoolboy days. There is no better way of softening race prejudices than bringing up the young side by side, at the same desk, with common studies and common play, where perforce they must learn to know each other and practise mutual forbearance. These separate institutions were secured to lower Canada by the act of settlement, but to force this disintegrating element upon other provinces is the surest way to break up the unity and strength of the nation; and if forced upon Manitoba will just as surely be forced upon British Columbia whenever the French Canadians may become numerically strong enough and clamor for it.

It is the duty of each elector to study this matter out and consider himself personally a trustee for the freedom and progress of the country of his adoption, and setting aside the personal feelings and regard for any candidate to register his vote simply and alone for his country's good. Considering that Col. Prior is absolutely and irrevocably pledged to the support of this obnoxious policy, it seems impossible for any patriotic voter to do otherwise than support the man pledged to oppose this suicidal policy.

THOS. C. SORBY.

AN ATTEMPT TO BRIBE.

To the Editor: When word first came that Col. Prior had been offered a cabinet position, I, for one, thought that he should accept it and that it would be a mistake on the part of the Liberals to oppose his re-election. It seemed to me that the duty of British Columbians, irrespective of party, was to join together to attain so desirable an end as representation in the Dominion cabinet, and I even went so far as to say that it would be sacrificing Mr. Templeman to put him forward under the circumstances as a candidate to oppose Col. Prior.

I feel quite certain that when Colonel Prior accepted the controllership he did so under the firm belief that it carried with it a seat in the cabinet, although neither he nor anybody else seemed to understand exactly how it could be done. It was a puzzle to most people how Col. Prior, occupying the subordinate position of controller could be at the same time a full cabinet minister, and too much faith, it seems, was placed in the word of Sir Mackenzie Bowell that it was so.

The whole thing as more light is thrown upon it, appears to be a trick on the part of the present government at Ottawa—a trick to deceive not only British Columbians generally but Colonel Prior himself.

The fact is that Colonel Prior has been appointed controller, but his cabinet position is only prospective. It is now hinted that if he returns to Ottawa there will be some sort of a cabinet shuffle which may result in his being a full-fledged minister.

British Columbia, in point of fact, is asked to deliver the goods first and rely on the word of the government for payment.

With the Manitoba governorship muddle, the collectorship of customs at Montreal and numerous other broken promises on the part of the Ottawa ministers before us, it requires a good deal of faith on our part to place any reliance in the promises of Sir Mackenzie Bowell and his colleagues.

If Colonel Prior is returned he may be made a cabinet minister, but all depends upon the turn of the wheel after he gets to Ottawa. He may draw a blank. In that case he will remain a controller at $5,000 per annum while the ministers will draw $7,000. It is true he will be a privy councillor, which will enable Sir Mackenzie to invite him to a cabinet meeting when he so wishes. Is this the sort of cabinet minister that British Columbia desires? By no means, and British Columbians should not hesitate to say so.

There is, however, another phase which, if I mistake not will be most distasteful to many British Columbians. When Mr. Clarke Wallace resigned it now seems that there was no one to be found who would take his place. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, knowing the desire in British Columbia for cabinet representation, baited his hook and threw forth a bribe to this province to come and help him. When others shrank from assiting him in his coercion policy, he thought of us. His estimate of British Columbia was so low that he considered the bribe of a prospective cabinet representation would bring British Columbians to their knees.

At the present moment Manitoba is striving against the coercion policy of the Dominion government and it turns out that we are asked to lend a hand against a sister province. If British Columbia consents to accept the bribe offered to it and arrays itself now against Manitoba, British Columbians in the future will look back in shame upon that act. Not only is the Dominion government about to do an injustice to the majority of Manitoba, but the course the government is pursuing will do irreparable injury to the minority of that province. I will speak of the school question in my next.

ALEXANDER BEGG.

MAYNE ISLAND AFFAIRS.

To the Editor: I have observed in your issue of the 19th instant a letter from Mr. Stephen H. Hoskins of Galiano Island, complaining that a saloon keeper on Mayne Island, charged befor the local justices with selling liquor on Sundays, "in open defiance of the commands of the local justices and law officers, is allowed to go scott free." As one of the justices who heard the case I feel it my duty to say that the accused was not convicted, because, so far from having acted in "open defiance," etc., and having 'totally disregarded" repeated warnings, as alleged by Mr. Hoskins, he had been allowed by both justices and constables to suppose that the Sunday closing law was not enforced in the district and that he was justified in selling liquor on Sunday. Speaking for myself I was under the impression that the prevailing custom in regard to the Sunday closing law was that it was a dead letter, and I did not feel justified in taking any steps in the matter without being fully informed. Mr. Hoskins, in one part of his letter, makes the proviso, 'if my informant is correct." I beg to say that his informant is certainly incorrect as to the facts of the trial on December 12th, and the alleged warnings, etc., to the saloon-keeper, and I believe equally incorrect in speaking of "the disgraceful state of affairs existing at Plumper's Pass. R. G. G.

Galiano Island, B. C., Dec. 24th, 1895.

"WARD HEELERS."

To the Editor: There can now be no doubt that Col. Prior and his friends have imported a ward politician from the slums of some American city to conduct their campaign. The reports of the public meetings published in the Colonist first made plain this fact, and it is borne out by the dodger distributed by the Conservative Association last evening. No respectable man could have penned that dodger. It is plainly the work of some ward politician or probably tinhorn gambler or worse. It is a wonder that Col. Prior, who took so much trouble to repudiate the action of his supporters in trying to stifle discussion in Victoria West, has not repudiated the dodger. The only inference that can be drawn from his not doing so is that he is afraid of ruffling the tempers of his chief organizer and other supporters.

BRITISH COLUMBIAN.

ANOTHER FRAUD EXPOSED.

A Doctored Telegram of the Colonist Officially Repudiated.

On Sunday last there appeared in the Colonist under the heading "North Ontario Election. The Orangemen of Peterboro Highly Delighted With the Outcome of the Election," etc., the following:

At a specal meeting of Orangemen held at Peterboro on Saturday last in order to hear the returns of the North Ontario election, the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

1. That this meeting, composed of Orangemen of the county of Peterborough, desire to give public expression to their gratification at the election of Bro. Bowell's candidate, Bro. McGillivray, in North Ontario, and it expresses the hope that his candidate in Cardwell, Mr. Willoughby, may also be elected.

2. That while the Hon. Mr. Laurier thanks God there are no Orangemen in his (Liberal) ranks, we thank God there are many thousand Orangemen in Canada who will give their support to their veteran brother, Sir Macekuzie Bowell, and his candidates.

3. That long may he live to rule the destinies of Canada.

How much truth there is in the foregoing and how much reliance may be placed on the political news of the Colonist will be understood from the following letter addressed to the Toronto Sentinel:

A DENIAL.

Dear Sir,—We notice an item in the Peterborough Review of the 14th inst., setting forth that "A largely attended meeting of Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Orange friends in Peterboro'" met and organized and passed resolutions congratulating Bro. Bowell on the success of his candidate in North Ontario, etc. We also notice that there were four present on that auspicious occasion, only one of whom is now an active Orangeman. In order further to be able to say that the names of all who were there were not published, they evidently withheld the name of Bro. C. W. Sawers, the writer of the said resolutions, who doubtless was also present, as the "largely attended meeting" was held at his solicitation in his office, and doubtless with the object of advancing his personal interests with the Government.

Now, of course, we have no objections to citizens meeting and resoluting as much as they choose, but when this is done in the name of an institution of which the local executive is not in any way advised, and thus endeavoring to create the false impression that the Orange body here were in sympathy with Sir Mackenzie Bowell in his endeavor to coerce Manitoba, then we think it is time to repudiate the actions of such time-serving Orangemen.

Although his name is carefully concealed, we have it on the authority of one of their number that Bro. Sawer is the author of these resolutions, and this, like his every other act in connection with our Order, is calculated to create discord and contention within our ranks, and if the Sentinel has the interests of the Order at heart it will refuse to publish anything that emanates from him directly or indirectly.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the opportunity and space to remove a false impression. We remain, yours truly,

EDWARD KEMP, C. M.
H. S. ARMSTRONG, D. M.

Peterboro', Dec. 14.

—Gilmore & McCandless quote some attractive prices in men's clothing. *

—Christy bread knives at Fox's *

ROYAL Baking Powder.
Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report.

SHIPPING.

Doings in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

Dublin, Dec. 26.—The large three-masted vessel seen Tuesday last flying signals of distress in Kingstown bay turns out to be the Russian bark Palme, Capt. Erissen, from Liverpool on December 8 for Mobile, Ala. The crew of the Palme cut away her masts, and people on board, eighteen in all, were rescued by a passing steamer to-day.

Owing to the high winds the Rosalie was unable to reach here till about noon to-day. After discharging her passengers and freight she immediately left for the Sound. She will endeavor to reach Victoria on time to-morrow.

The repairs to the Dominion government steamer Quadra will be completed in about six days. She is being thoroughly overhauled and will leave the dock as good as ever.

The sealing schooner Diana, Captain Nelson, was towed to sea to-dayby the tug Vancouver. She is the second schooner to leave for the Japanese sealing grounds. She carries a white crew.

R. M. S. Empress of China arrived at Yokohama on Wednesday. She was delayed owing to bad weather. The Empress of Japan left Hong Kong at noon the same day.

—Come and see the wire jewelry, made while you wait. Brooches, bracelets, watch chains, pins and goods of all descriptions at 68 Yates street. *

DIED.

HILTON—In this city, on the 26th inst., Elizabeth, beloved wife of Squire Hilton, aged 51 years and 10 months, a native of Blackrod, Lancashire, England.

Funeral from the family residence, Cadboro Bay road, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 29th inst. Friends will please accept this intimation.

AYER'S Hair VIGOR

Restores natural color to the hair, and also prevents it falling out. Mrs. H. W. Fenwick, of Digby, N. S., says:

"A little more than two years ago my hair began to turn gray and fall out. After the use of one bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor my hair was restored to its original color and ceased falling out. An occasional application has since kept the hair in good condition."—Mrs. H. F. FENWICK, Digby, N. S.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for three years, and it has restored hair, which was fast becoming gray, back to its natural color."—H. W. HASELHOFF, Paterson, N. J.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR

PREPARED BY
DR. J. C. AYER & CO., LOWELL, MASS., U. S. A.

Ayer's Pills cure Sick Headache.

Dominion Election!

MR. WM. TEMPLEMAN

WILL ADDRESS

Public Meetings

Of the Electors of this constituency as follows:

Metchosin, Saturday, December 28.

Parsons' Bridge, Saturday, December 28, at 8 p.m.

Cedar Hill, Monday, December 30.

Victoria West, Tuesday, December 31.

Spring Ridge, Wednesday, January 1.

Other engagements will be announced.

Liberal Association.

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 9

Meets this (FRIDAY) Evening, and each succeeding evening, at corner of Kingston and Oswego Streets, James Bay.

Liberal Assocociation.

A Meeting of the Committee of

POLLING DISTRICT No. 8

(James Bay), will be held at the Colonist Hotel, on MONDAY Evening, the 30th, at 8 p.m.

A. C. WEST,
Chairman.

(Jordan's Mine) Apply Munn, Holland & Co, or Rock Bay Wharf. Price, $6 per ton, delivered.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—W Clark, Mrs Clark, C F Newcombie, Master Newcombie, F W Miles, J K Devlin, E M Wilson, R Wickens, J H Rogers, W Riley, S Abbot, B Rex, V L Bossi, J W Maro, S Bossi, F Smith, Mrs Napp, D C Dahe, J Lillewood, W Paff, W H Spofford, G W Reach, J Moge, P H Roberts, W Angle, S Johnson, J Steel, Schillings Minstrels.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—F C Cotton, E V Bodwell, Miss Buttemer, F J L Tytler, E E Penger, Dr Carroll, A E McPhillips, M I Rambow, Master Innes, H Ives and wife, O Gibson, R Aiken, C L Beer, W J Shaw, John Leatherdale, J Voller, J Ward, H Brown, G Madill, N Lewis, Wm A Carlyle and wife, Robert Hunter, J S Mathew, Mrs Berryman, D G Macaulay.

Per City of Kingston from the Sound—R Abrams and wife, H Watson, P Kenstof, Edward Pierce, W D Bowne, A Broadrich, Mrs R Fish, Geo Fish.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Feil & Co, J Wilson & Co, Hastie & Bannerman, C Braund, R Jamieson, W Wilby, T N Hibben & Co, Agt G N Ex Co.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—C C, K O L, K S T, G F X, H K, Y K, H W H, Capt J Sloan, Wm Duncan, T B Pearson, J H Mathews, Turner B & Co, Leuz & L, H A Willey, E Wall & Co, G McCulloch, Simon Leiser, C A Godson, A McGregor, J Piercy, Mrs Thos Brooks, Feil & Co, care Bank B N A, G R Jackson, A McKay, Excelsior B Co, T R Stewart, Clark & P, E J Salmon, E G Prior & Co, G Powell, T H Tye, Nicholles & R, S Shore, A & W Wilson, W Bowness, Wilson Bros, Parsons Prod Co, Dom Ex Co.

To get relief from biliousness, indigestion, constipation or torpid liver without disturbing the stomach or purging the bowels, take a few doses of Carter's Little Liver Pills, they will please you.

Christmas

COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR.

If you are looking for a Christmas present, one that will be useful as well as ornamental, we invite you to our store.

We have White and Colored Silk Handkerchiefs. Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, 65c.

Suspenders

From 25c to $3.50, in Blue, Gold, White, Black and Pink. Plain and fancy grounds.

Gloves

Wool, Kid, Buckskin, lined and unlined.

Neckwear

We have just received by express the very latest up-to-96 styles. Our 50c ties, satin lined, are the same as you pay 65 and 75 cents for up town.

Cardigan Jackets

$1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $2.50, $2.75, $3.0, $3.25, $3.50; all sizes. Extra large sizes a specialty.

We wish you all a Merry, Merry Christmas.

GILMORE & McCANDLESS,

35 & 37 Johnson Street.

Liberal Association.

A Meeting of

District Committee No. 3

will be held at the residence of Mr. Frank Hales, 11 Pioneer St., to-morrow (Saturday) evening at 8, p.m.

W. A. ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

TEMPLEMAN'S

Sub-Committee For District No. 7

Will meet at Philharmonic Hall on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 5 p. m., upstairs.

GEORGE E. POWELL,
Chairman.

$100 IN GOLD

Will be paid to the man, woman or child who can prove that we are wrong when we assert that it is to the advantage of everybody to purchase Christmas Gifts of Jewelry at our store.

Listen!

We are positively retiring from the Retail Jewelry business.

Our stock is large and the goods of the best quality.

Each and every article has been reduced in price to cost, and in many instances away below cost.

The prices are marked in plain figures—one price.

WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY ON JEWELRY

If you have no desire to save money there is no reason why you should purchase at our store.

If you do desire to save money there is no reason why you should not.

Call and inspect our goods anyhow—whether you buy or not.

Davidson Bros.,

The Jewellers, 59 Government St.

Prices Blown Down

We have marked all lines of Holjday Goods down to COST, and propose to make

A Clean Sweep

of everything between now and New Year's Eve.

Everything goes. Albums, Photo Frames, Toilet Cases, Fans, Hand-painted Vases and Glassware, White Metal Novelties, Celluloid Novelties, Dolls, Etc.

Bound Books and Poets, at 25 per cent. off marked prices.

JAMIESON, Books and Stationery,

61 GOVERNMENT STREET.